

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
PRE-FILED RESOLUTION
(Final; Action)

RS.26.02 Resolution in Defense of the Status of Non-U.S. Citizen Students

WHEREAS, in March of 2025 the United States federal government began a widespread campaign of revoking both F-1 student visas and S-1 Nonimmigrant Visas.

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (“The University”) had 30 students’ visas revoked which represented 10% of the visas revoked nationally.

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 7 students at The University are [international students](#).

WHEREAS, before the visas were returned to active status, The University including the [Office of the Provost](#) and the Office of the Chancellor provided resources to support these students as they navigated a path to the reinstatement of their visas.

WHEREAS, the defense of these student visas and support for impacted students was confirmed by University Administrators including then Chancellor, Robert Jones, at the [March 10th](#), [April 7th](#), and [April 28th](#) meetings of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate (Senate).

WHEREAS, Chancellor Charles Isbell has [reaffirmed these commitments](#) in public statements that he has made since taking office as Chancellor.

WHEREAS, in August 2025, the U.S. federal government renewed its efforts against Non-U.S. Resident Students through the U.S. Department of Education’s [Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education](#) (“The Compact”).

WHEREAS, the Senate previously adopted [RS 26.01](#) as a response to The Compact.

WHEREAS, RS 26.01 called for the rejection of The Compact which includes a rejection of the demand that universities restrict admissions of deserving persons based on national origin.

WHEREAS, On December 8, 2025, the U.S. Department of State either partially or completely suspended the issuance of visas for 38 countries which included student visas. Links: [8,000 visas revoked](#), [State Department memo](#), [Reuters](#)

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2026, the U. S. Department of State suspended immigrant visa applications from [75 nations](#).

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois is party to legal proceedings in defense of the rights of foreign and non-U.S. resident students. ([U.S. v. Pritzker et. al.](#))

WHEREAS, the Administration of The University should be commended for its previous and continuing actions in defense of the rights of Foreign and Non-U.S. Citizen Students since March of 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate supports The Administration’s continued defense and support of the rights of International and Non-U.S. Citizen Students and efforts to ensure access to information on maintaining their legal status within the full bounds of the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Senate calls for The Administration to notify prospective students who have been granted offers of admission, but who hail from countries currently affected by the suspension of Visa applications.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Senate recommends granting deferred admission to such affected persons until the current situation is resolved.

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