

SALISBURY UNIVERISTY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

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TITLE: *Every Campus a Refuge Network* at Salisbury University

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: James Fox

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION:

MOTION:

Whereas the Salisbury University Faculty is concerned about two recent international events which share a common outcome of displacement of large numbers of people: (1) the 8/14/21 earthquake in Haiti, and (2) the withdraw of troops from Afghanistan which has led to large numbers of people fleeing the country; and

Whereas Governor Hogan has announced his commitment to accepting displaced Afghanistan refugees for residence in the state of Maryland. The State of Maryland is one of twenty states to already join the *Welcome US network* (<http://welcome.us>); and

Whereas the City of Salisbury is currently considering joining 37 other cities as members of the *Welcome US network*, providing an opportunity for town/gown collaboration in this initiative; and

Whereas the University System of Maryland Chancellor, Jay Perman, seeks an engagement across the USM to support refugees; and

Whereas the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), and University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus (UMBC) have all announced the intention to host refugees on their campuses; and

Whereas dozens of universities outside the USM also are working towards engagement with the *Every Campus a Refuge Network* including Syracuse University, Appalachian State University, Coastal Carolina University, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Scripps College, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and dozens more in response to the current refugee crisis; and

Whereas key SU faculty leaders in Psychology, Social Work, and Political Science have offered their commitment in their teaching, scholarship, and service in supporting a refugee family in the process of integrating to our greater community; and

Whereas the Faculty Senate supports the faculty leaders who have offered their teaching, scholarship, and service in support of a hosted refugee family; and

Whereas the *Every Campus a Refuge Network* (<http://everycampusarefuge.net>) and the *Church World Service* (<http://cwsglobal.org>) are interested in partnering with Salisbury University to place a refugee family on our campus for a limited time of 6-12 months;

Therefore, the Faculty Senate recommends that Salisbury University become a member of the “*Every Campus a Refuge Network*” and the “*Welcome US Network*” and host a refugee family in our campus community. This decision would entail such actions as SU offering in-kind support to a refugee family in the form of free housing, limited access to dining services, fundraising infrastructure hosted by the SU Foundation, tuition remission for the English Language Institute, donations of seized bicycles by the SU Police, and other non-monetary in-kind support.

JUSTIFICATION:

The justification is contained in the body of the motion.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative:

Potential introduction of challenging new diversity to the local region if refugee is conservative Muslim family; potential challenge of supporting family with difficult emotional challenges resulting from their displacement

Positive:

High impact practice on-campus global learning embedded in curricula in multiple courses that is sustainable over long-term; Town/Gown collaboration with local volunteer and government partners

Is this a recommendation to the Provost? Yes No

Is this a recommendation to someone else? No Yes, to Executive Council

VOTE: Number of Senators Present:

Motion Passes or Fails: