

A side-by-side comparison of issues that have been highlighted by those calling for a “sanctuary campus” and the University’s position on each.

ISSUE

Not to voluntarily share any information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Customs and Border Protection (CBP), or other federal agencies to the fullest extent possible under the law.

UNIVERSITY POSITION

NYU does not — and will not — voluntarily provide information to governmental agencies that would enable them to target undocumented members of our community.

ISSUE

Not to allow ICE physical access to any buildings or land owned or controlled by the university to the fullest extent possible under the law.

UNIVERSITY POSITION

NYU does not voluntarily allow representatives of any federal agency to enter NYU buildings without permission or legal process. Such permission is not given for targeting undocumented members of our community or for gathering information on them.

ISSUE

To train campus security staff to respond to federal agents seeking access; and instruct security staff to refuse to participate in the actions of any agency that deals with immigration regulation.

UNIVERSITY POSITION

NYU does not voluntarily allow representatives of any federal agency to enter NYU buildings without permission or legal process. Law enforcement officials seeking access to campus locations are directed to the Office of General Counsel, regardless of whether or not they have a warrant. The Office of General Counsel then provides guidance as to whether the warrant is valid.

This policy will be reinforced in an upcoming memorandum to all officers, and will be incorporated in future training sessions for security personnel.

ISSUE

To prohibit campus security from inquiring about or recording any information regarding an individual's immigration status.

UNIVERSITY POSITION

NYU's public safety officers do not inquire as to an individual's immigration status.

ISSUE

To prohibit all housing discrimination based on immigration status or religious affiliation, and provide emergency housing for noncitizen students who cannot go home during academic breaks.

UNIVERSITY POSITION

NYU's Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy for Students prohibits discrimination based on race, gender and/or gender identity or expression, color, religion, age, national origin, ethnicity, disability, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or citizenship status. These protections extend to all members of the community — including those who are undocumented — as well as to the academic, residential, and working environments.

The University is committed to doing everything it can to ensure our students are safe and secure. While it is too soon to know what laws will be in effect come May, we are working to identify solutions — including housing alternatives — for students who may be affected by the ban, and as a result are unable to return home during academic breaks.

ISSUE

To provide access to competent and expanded legal support for noncitizen, Muslim, and LGBTQ students and staff, those with undocumented family members, and others rendered vulnerable by federal, state, or city orders that contravene the University's commitment to diversity, freedom, and equality.

UNIVERSITY POSITION

NYU posts guidance to help immigrant and undocumented members of our community navigate the evolving situation with regard to national policy on immigration. Those who need immediate legal assistance also have access to the NYU Immigrant Rights Clinic.

ISSUE

To expand access to financial aid for noncitizen students, especially those who might be affected by a repeal or change in DACA.

UNIVERSITY POSITION

University financial assistance to non-citizens (documented and undocumented) is independent of federal financial aid programs and will continue regardless of changes in national policy. We will continuously evaluate the situation of our students to ensure that we are maximizing benefits within our financial constraints.

ISSUE

To commit ongoing resources to create and sustain on-campus working groups to assess and address the evolving needs of undocumented students and staff, students and staff of color, students and staff with disabilities, LGBTQ students and staff, and otherwise marginalized students and staff.

UNIVERSITY POSITION

The University is committed to providing ongoing resources for these purposes, and we look forward to receiving related recommendations from the Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to address in its April report to the Senate. Additionally, these will be areas of focus for our new Chief Diversity Officer, once they are in place.

ISSUE

To distance the University's investments from anti-immigrant measures by divesting from companies or funds that stand to profit from these measures, such as private prisons.

UNIVERSITY POSITION

As the University's Board of Trustees has previously stated (in relation to the question of fossil fuel divestment): "[The endowment's] prime purpose is to support the University's academic and research missions; as NYU's fiduciaries, the prudent investment of the endowment is among the Board's weightiest duties. Particularly given NYU's low per-student endowment, any consideration that would depart from that prime purpose should be subject to a very high bar of scrutiny. We applaud the efforts of faculty, students, and staff to advocate for addressing climate change and in proposing divestment, but do not support NYU using its endowment as a tool for simply making statements."