



Faculty Senate

Steering Committee

Agenda for meeting of Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 3:00 pm

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call via Qualtrics
3. Recognition of Guests
4. Welcome to the UCF Faculty Senate Steering Committee with introductions
5. New Business
 - a) Declaration by the Chair that immigration concerns are of an emergency nature
 - b) Brief background of recent events across the state
 - c) Advisory Council of Faculty Senate statements related to immigration concerns
 1. ACFS letter to Chancellor concerning visa revocations
 2. ACFS resolution on 287 (g) agreements across the State University System
 - i. Memorandum of Agreement 287(g) Task Force Model Section V
 - d) Consideration of UCF Faculty Senate actions
 - i. Open discussion of topics and mechanisms of actions
6. Other Business
 - a) Provost Search Update
7. Adjournment

Raymond Rodrigues

Chancellor

State University System of Florida

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Dear Chancellor Rodrigues,

As members of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates representing institutions across the State University System of Florida, we write to express our deep concern regarding the recent and troubling revocations of visas for international students attending universities across the United States, including within Florida's State University System.

What makes this situation particularly distressing is the opaque nature in which the cancellations are occurring. Affected students have reportedly received little to no formal notice, rationale, or recourse, leaving them in a state of confusion, fear, and uncertainty about their academic futures, legal status, and personal wellbeing.

Given Florida's strong commitment to global education and the critical role that over 40,000 international students across the State University System play in our academic and research communities, we respectfully urge you to work closely with the Board of Governors and leadership across the State University System to take proactive and transparent action. Specifically, we call on your office to:

1. **Provide institutional transparency** about the scope and implications of the current visa issue, including the number of students within the SUS that have been affected and the nature of such cases including detailing given rationales for visa revocations.
2. **Issue clear guidance to students** who are concerned about or at risk of visa revocation, ensuring they are informed of their current status, available resources, travel guidance, and who they can turn to for accurate information.
3. **Outline students' rights and due process expectations**, including what procedural protections may be available and how students can seek legal or administrative recourse if they are impacted.
4. **To every extent possible, empower institutions to support students** in securing and exercising their due process rights, and in continuing to remotely access education from our institutions in situations where they are compelled to leave the nation after joining Florida institutions under a valid visa.

In these uncertain times, it is essential that Florida's universities uphold our core educational values including respect for due process and academic support for all students, regardless of nationality. Our international students deserve transparency, guidance, and advocacy as they navigate these evolving and alarming developments.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering immediate action on this urgent matter. We stand ready to work with your office to ensure Florida's continued commitment to academic freedom, global engagement, and the support of all students.

Florida Advisory Council of Faculty Senates Resolution on 287(g) Memoranda of Agreements between State University System Institution Campus Police Departments and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

The Advisory Council of Faculty Senates calls on State University System institutions to withdraw from the Memoranda of Agreements signed by Florida's public universities with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under the 287(g) program. These partnerships are unnecessary and harmful to students, faculty, staff, and the broader communities our universities serve.

To effectively protect our universities, campus police cultivate a unique relationship with campus communities. They come to know our students, our educational spaces, and our communities. They are present at peaceful protests, in classrooms, and at student events. Repurposing this unique trust for federal immigration enforcement makes our campuses less safe, puts our officers in an untenable position, and chills students' access to the support services they critically need to succeed. The 287(g) agreements create an array of challenges, including the following.

- **These agreements unnecessarily sacrifice campus safety.** Engaging in immigration enforcement will require campus police to divide resources that need to be fully focused on the core issue of campus safety. Moreover, it will undermine the hard-earned trust they need to work effectively with our communities in ensuring campus safety. Recent events in Florida highlight, more than ever, the need to maintain Campus Police focus on critical safety activities and on ensuring that campus populations trust them enough to share safety and security concerns.
- **With these agreements in place, every individual on campus – even citizens – will need to carry papers documenting their legal status at all times to avoid the possibility of immigration detention.** These MOAs empower a campus police officer to detain any individual based solely on the officer's belief regarding their immigration status and without a warrant [287 (g) Task Force Model MOA, Section V]. The recent detention of a Hispanic United States citizen by Florida law enforcement at ICE's request illustrates the reality that even U.S. citizen students, faculty, and staff will face the possibility of detention by campus police acting at ICE's direction.
- **These agreements risk chilling students' willingness to seek medical, mental health, and educational support services at our institutions** out of fear of ICE-affiliated police presence. In a post-COVID era in which students have become increasingly isolated, engagement with these services and with the university community is more critical than ever in enabling student success – the core mission of our institutions.
- **The fear of ICE-aligned immigration actions by campus police that is created by these MOUs erodes the environment of trust and safety needed for effective student learning and free expression.** Students and scholars living in continual fear that campus police may engage in arbitrary immigration-oriented actions cannot effectively learn, create new ideas, speak freely, and innovate – the very activities at the heart of our Universities' missions.
- **These agreements are not necessary for the federal government to enforce immigration law.** ICE and other federal and state agencies already possess broad authority to operate independently.

For all of these reasons, we call on the Board of Governors of the State University System to urge Florida Universities to withdraw from these agreements.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

287(g) Task Force Model

V. DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED FUNCTIONS

For the purposes of this MOA, participating LEA personnel are authorized to perform the following functions pursuant to the stated authorities, subject to the limitations contained in this MOA:

- The power and authority to interrogate any alien or person believed to be an alien as to his right to be or remain in the United States (INA § 287(a)(1) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(a)(l)) and to process for immigration violations those individuals who have been arrested for State or Federal criminal offenses.
- The power and authority to arrest without a warrant any alien entering or attempting to unlawfully enter the United States in the officer's presence or view, or any alien in the United States, if the officer has reason to believe the alien to be arrested is in the United States in violation of law and is likely to escape before a warrant can be obtained. INA § 287(a)(2) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(c)(1). Subsequent to such arrest, the arresting officer must take the alien without unnecessary delay for examination before an immigration officer having authority to examine aliens as to their right to enter or remain in the United States.
- The power to arrest without warrant for felonies which have been committed and which are cognizable under any law of the United States regulating the admission, exclusion, expulsion, or removal of aliens, if the officer has reason to believe the alien to be arrested is in the United States in violation of law and is likely to escape before a warrant can be obtained. INA § 287(a)(4) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(c)(2).
- The power to serve and execute warrants of arrest for immigration violations under INA § 287(a) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(e)(3).
- The power and authority to administer oaths and to take and consider evidence (INA § 287(b) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(a)(2)) to complete required alien processing to include fingerprinting, photographing, and interviewing, as well as the preparation of affidavits and the taking of sworn statements for ICE supervisory review.
- The power and authority to prepare charging documents (INA § 239, 8 C.F.R. § 239.1; INA § 238, 8 C.F.R. § 238.1; INA § 241(a)(5), 8 C.F.R. § 241.8; INA § 235(b)(1), 8 C.F.R. § 235.3) including the preparation of the Notice to Appear (NTA) or other charging document, as appropriate, for the signature of an ICE officer for aliens in categories established by ICE supervisors.

- The power and authority to issue immigration detainers (8 C.F.R. § 287.7) and I-213, Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien, for aliens in categories established by ICE supervisors.
- The power and authority to take and maintain custody of aliens arrested by ICE, or another State or local law enforcement agency on behalf of ICE. (8 C.F.R. § 287.5(c)(6))
- The power and authority to take and maintain custody of aliens arrested pursuant to the immigration laws and transport (8 C.F.R. § 287.5(c)(6)) such aliens to ICE-approved detention facilities.