



## **Resolution 24-06**

### **To express condemnation of Georgia House Bill 59, a bill to ban undocumented students from applying to institutions of higher education in Georgia, and for other purposes**

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WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature is currently considering HB 59, a bill that would ban all undocumented students from every institution of higher education in the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in December 2011 more than three quarters of the faculty and administrators of the University Council of the University of Georgia overwhelmingly voted to condemn the Board of Regents ban on undocumented students; and

WHEREAS, this bill was created without the consultation of university faculty and students; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity and education are quintessential American and Georgian values; and

WHEREAS, an educated populace benefits all Georgia residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents' mission statement claims, "Each institution in the University System of Georgia will be characterized by cultural, ethnic, racial, and gender diversity in the faculty, staff, and student body, supported by practices and programs that embody the ideals of an open, democratic, and global society;" and

WHEREAS, all three of the Board of Regents' concerns regarding undocumented students were refuted by their own October 2010 investigation; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants make up only .16% of students in the University System; and

WHEREAS, all undocumented immigrants pay out-of-state tuition; and

WHEREAS, no evidence exists to show that undocumented students are taking the places of equally qualified Georgia students; and

WHEREAS, a student qualified to attend one of Georgia's universities will be denied admission and discriminated against only as a result of his or her immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia would become one of only two states to prevent undocumented students from attending all institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the ban would encourage intolerance of others based on one's immigration status.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that we, the Student Government Association of the University of Georgia, in our responsibility to represent the student body of the University of Georgia, hereby condemn HB 59 and any ban preventing undocumented students from applying to schools in the University System of Georgia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Government Association urges members of the legislature to vote "NO" on any bill that would restrict the educational opportunities of undocumented students.