

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

Sense of Senate Resolution (SSR) Number 0714S
Date of Senate Approval 5/01/14

Sense of the Senate Resolution

Be it resolved that: The Faculty Senate of the University of North Carolina at Asheville, this day of 1 May, 2014, supports the below resolution of the Faculty Council of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and supports reconsideration of the policy manual that currently require all undocumented aliens who are residents of North Carolina be charged out-of-state tuition. We strongly urge North Carolina to join California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, New Mexico, Nebraska, Oklahoma, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, and Washington in offering in-state tuition status and financial aid to all our people without regard to immigration status.

Resolution 2013-18
On Support for In-State Tuition Status for All North Carolina Residents.

The Faculty Council resolves:

The Faculty Council of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill supports reconsideration of those portions of Section 700.1.4[G] of the UNC Board of Governors Policy Manual that currently require that all undocumented aliens must be charged out-of-state tuition, and prohibits them from receiving state or federal financial aid, notwithstanding the fact that they are domiciled in North Carolina.

Submitted by the Faculty Executive Committee, by request

Comment: Section 700.1.4(g) of the UNC Board of Governors Policy Manual reads as follows:

Guidelines on the Admission of Undocumented Aliens

Undocumented aliens are eligible to be considered for admission as undergraduates at UNC constituent institutions based on their individual qualifications with limitations as set out below:

1. An undocumented alien may be considered for admission only if he or she graduated from high school in the United States.
2. Undocumented aliens may not receive state or federal financial aid in the form of a grant or a loan.
3. An undocumented alien may not be considered a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes; all undocumented aliens must be charged out-of-state tuition.
4. All undocumented aliens, whether or not they abide in North Carolina or graduated from a North Carolina high school, will be considered out of State for purposes of calculating the 18 percent cap on out of State freshmen pursuant to Policy 700.1.3.
5. When considering whether or not to admit an undocumented alien into a specific program of study, constituent institutions should take into account that federal law prohibits the states from granting professional licenses to undocumented aliens.

Elements of this policy appear to be inconsistent with the University's tradition of providing a high degree of access, affordability, and potential for academic achievement to all of the people of North Carolina. We urge that North Carolina join California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, New Mexico, Nebraska, Oklahoma, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, and Washington in offering in-state tuition status and financial aid to all our people without regard to immigration status.