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Executive council of UVM faculty union passes resolution against Arizona racial-profiling law

Burlington, VT – The Executive Council of United Academics (AAUP/AFT), the faculty union representing more than 800 full- and part-time faculty at the University of Vermont, voted unanimously on May 17 to pass a resolution against Arizona’s recent immigration law. That law allows authorities to stop a person and demand proof of immigration status on the basis of “reasonable suspicion” that he or she is not authorized to be in the country.

“The resolution we passed not only condemns the immigration law but also calls upon our affiliates not to hold meetings in Arizona,” said David Shiman, president of United Academics.

The United Academics resolution reads as follows:

"The Executive Council of United Academics-AFT/AAUP condemns in no uncertain terms the actions of the Arizona State Legislature and the Governor to enact law(s) that marginalize, criminalize and profile any segment of the community in the name of controlling our borders. We urge our national affiliates, the American Federation of Teachers and the American Association of University Professors, to hold no meetings in Arizona until such laws are repealed."

In passing this resolution, United Academics joins the executive council of the national AFT, which also voted unanimously on May 13 to condemn the law, according to Shiman.

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