



Academic Senate

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

Resolution Passed by the Faculty Legislature

During its fall 2016 meeting, a resolution regarding the Scholars at Risk and Scholars Rescue Fund Programs was put before the membership of the Faculty Legislature. A motion to endorse the resolution carried by a vote of 32 in favor and 1 against, with 1 abstention.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE FACULTY LEGISLATURE ON OCTOBER 20, 2016

Whereas as a result of civil or international conflicts around the world, and of political regimes hostile to the tenets of academic freedom, the number of scholars at risk of being fired, arrested, prosecuted, imprisoned and worse because of their political or religious beliefs or scholarship, or even unproven allegations about them, is increasing,

And whereas two US-based organizations, the Scholars at Risk (SAR) network, and the Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) are very successfully collaborating to vet, provide all necessary documentation, and find temporary employment and funding for international scholars at risk in US Universities,

UCSB Faculty Senate wishes to make UCSB part of this important network of scholarly solidarity and therefore asks the Chancellor to make UCSB a **sustaining member** of the SAR network (\$ 5,000 per year), and to invite all UCSB faculty, Deans and Chairs to **consult SAR and SRF's lists to identify scholars** they could invite as visiting faculty, particularly when regular faculty go on leaves or sabbaticals (SRF <http://www.scholarrescuefund.org/hosts/scholars-seeking-placement>; SAR <https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/actions/host-a-scholar/>).