I. PURPOSE & INTENT

To provide for a statement establishing policy and intentions regarding students from other countries, to recognize the universality of knowledge and the interdependence of peoples, and to promote and maintain the World outlook required of the effectively educated person, the following policy is adopted.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. It is the intention of the University of South Florida System (“USF System”) to:

1. Foster a learning climate that is open, diverse and oriented to the World;

2. Foster intellectual development, research and understanding through international exchange; and

3. Expose students, faculty and staff to cultural and national differences in outlook, experience and ideas.

B. It shall be the USF System’s policy to:

1. Welcome qualified students from other countries;
2. Enrich the quality of life of its students, by integrating international students into the on-going stream of the University community; and

3. Encourage the colleges, departments, and faculty to provide needed programs to help international students adapt to the USF System community.

C. It shall also be the policy of the USF System to urge the faculty and student body to accentuate their efforts to develop further their international outlook and to highlight the role of international students in the University life as follows:

1. Departments should actively seek qualified international students to enhance their programs. This should be implemented by direct search, invitation, and publicity with recognized public and private placement agencies for international students.

2. Departments and faculty are encouraged to stress the international aspects of their course material and to involve international students as special resources in their classrooms.

3. The appropriate departments should provide, where possible, programs designed to assist international students with improving reading, conversational, and written communication skills.

4. An International Student Leadership Council (ISLC) reporting to the Director of International Student and Scholar Services is established and plays an advisory role to the director in the development and implementation of policy.
5. The University will, subject to available resources, provide financial, administrative, and moral support for a program involving international students in the University of South Florida System.

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