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To the UD Community,

A White House Executive Order signed on January 27th, 2017 signals changes to federal immigration policy for the entry of nationals from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen to the United States. Our Office for International Students and Scholars has already contacted individuals from the seven countries who hold non-immigrant visas and are affected by the Executive Order. We are working closely with them to offer our assistance and support as we work to ensure these students and scholars remain an integral part of our academic community.

We strongly advise those who may be affected by the Executive Order, including passport holders, citizens, nationals, dual nationals, etc. from the designated countries, to refrain from traveling outside of the United States for the foreseeable future. We also strongly encourage any of our students, faculty, scholars, and/or other community members who may be impacted and have additional specific questions regarding these recent changes in federal immigration policy to reach out to our Office for International Students and Scholars at 302-831-2115 or by email at oiss@udel.edu.

We are working diligently to fully understand the potential long-term implications of a rapidly changing and developing set of regulations for members of our community. Just today, we learned that legal permanent residents (LPRs), or Green Card holders, are no longer subject to the ban and permitted to travel, though they may be subject to more scrutiny. Despite this encouraging news for LPRs, it is still our advice that travel be postponed until we learn more.

We appreciate the uncertainty and concern these changes in immigration policy can create for our international students and scholars and the entire Delaware community. The University of Delaware is a global academic community dedicated to educational and societal advancement. As an engaged learning community, we will only succeed and thrive in a culture that is united by values and distinguished by the interconnected relationship of opportunity, leadership, respect and diversity. To this point, the talent, insight, and perspectives of our international students, faculty, researchers, and staff remain essential ingredients of our community to which we are wholly committed. We welcome the most qualified and talented individuals from around the world to study, teach, and carry out research and scholarship at the University of Delaware.

If you should have any questions or concerns in the coming days, or feel there is essential information regarding your personal situation that we should be aware of from a legal or safety perspective, we encourage you to reach out to us as soon as possible. We will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

The Association of Public & Land-grant Universities (APLU), of which the University of Delaware is a member, issued a statement on the Executive Order that you can access here: <http://www.aplu.org/news-and-media/News/aplu-statement-on-trump-administrations-new-order-temporarily-banning-citizens-of-seven-countries-from-entering-us>

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