Dear colleagues,

As many of you are aware, a new Presidential Proclamation was issued Sunday 9/24 creating a new set of restrictions on travel for nationals from Iran, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, Libya, Chad, North Korea and Venezuela.

On our website, you can find information on impacts to international students and scholars. Here are some basics:

- Restrictions are specific, and different, for each country. For example, in Iran, individuals applying for F, M, and J visas are exempted. Visit our website for specific country information.
- Some exemptions are available, but they are on a case-by-case basis. We anticipate they may be difficult to obtain. Contact ISSS for questions.
- Restrictions on travel may impact family members planning to visit from the above countries. Students or scholars with concerns about family members’ travel plans may contact ISSS to discuss.
- ISSS advises students and scholars from the impacted countries avoid travel outside the United States. If individuals must travel, including for an emergency, contact our office prior to travel.

How can you help?

 Departments and university faculty and staff are also welcome to contact us with questions or concerns.

- This news may cause stress, anger, and fear among international students, scholars and families whether they are from the included countries or not.
- Listen, offer support, and refer as needed for further support.
- It can be difficult to know what information is accurate and what is not with regards to the new proclamation. Refer to our office for current, factual information.
- Invite students and scholars to contact our office with questions and concerns. The University Counseling Center and Women’s Resource Center are also good resources for support.
- Consider attending events that support international students, such as International Night, an annual event sponsored by the International Student Council celebrating the vibrant cultures which are part of our campus and community. You can find the Facebook event page here.

Thank you in advance for your care and support.

Warmly,

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