February 23, 2017

Dear International Students:

I hope that your Spring Semester at Cal State LA is off to a great start.

Given the current political climate in the United States and with the uncertainty related to executive orders coming from the Executive Branch of our government regarding immigration and refugees, I wanted to provide you with a few updates as well as to reassure you that we are committed to serving the needs of our international students, faculty and scholars. Over 1,200 strong, you are an important and vibrant part of our campus community.

As President Covino stated in his campus-wide email, Cal State LA is a diverse community, bonded by mutual respect for all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or immigration status. As a campus community, we will not support any measure that targets or casts suspicion on Muslims or others. We reject divisiveness, xenophobia and religious bias.

Understandably, many of you are feeling uncertain about the status of your visa and/or your ability to remain in the United States while you pursue your studies or optional training. Many of you have also inquired about your ability to travel outside of and return to the U.S. In an effort to answer these questions, we have scheduled open advising forums for you to come meet with members of the International Office team. Please join us.

**International Student Forums: Understanding Immigration**

**Wednesday, March 1**
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. | Golden Eagle Ballroom 1

**Monday, March 6**
10:00 to 11:00 a.m. | Golden Eagle Ballroom 2

*(Light refreshments will be served at both sessions.)*

If you are unable to attend one of the aforementioned advising forums, I encourage you to make an appointment with the International Office. You may set up an account online and request your appointment using our [online scheduling tool](#), or you can call (323) 343-3170. The staff in the International Office stand ready to answer your questions and to provide guidance regarding your individual circumstances.

Sincerely,

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