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Executive Order on Immigration - How it Affects Us

Dear Colleagues,

We in TAUP are deeply disturbed by President Trump's Executive Order targeting citizens from a select group of majority-Muslim nations and limiting the number of refugees the United States will take in. We will join with others in protesting this unjust, counter-productive, and un-American action. It shows a lack of understanding of the make-up of the intellectual community in this country, our city, and our university.

We are grateful to Temple President Richard Englert for expressing Temple's support of diversity and expressing support to those affected by the Order in his statement via email.

But it is hard in such a confusing and fraught moment to know what the immigration changes wrought by President Trump's cruel Executive Order mean for members of the Temple community, including our students and our colleagues. But this is what we have gleaned from bulletins from other universities and our national affiliate, the American Federation of Teachers:

- We advise all nationals from the affected countries to defer travel until the situation gains some greater measure of clarity. We have heard reports that even permanent residents and those with valid visas have been denied re-entry. Today, the White House appears to be reversing course and saying that "green card" holders should not be affected. But this policy was rolled out so quickly and sloppily that those directly affected should try to learn whatever they can before leaving the country, especially as reports are emerging from airports across the country of Federal agents operating under vague, unclear directives that are constantly changing.
- We urge passport holders, citizens, nationals, dual nationals, etc. from the countries singled out in the Executive Order to contact International Scholars and Student Services (www.temple.edu/iss; iss@temple.edu) for guidance on travel outside the United States and related immigration questions.
- We also ask you to let us know if you encounter a situation in which your freedom of movement is curtailed by this order--particularly where it affects your academic freedom--or if you know of any cases should you hear of faculty or students anywhere who are denied re-entry based on the new order, please let us know right away. The AFT is trying to keep track of the damage caused by this terrible decision.

TAUP stands against all forms of bigotry, be it against those seeking to immigrate here, whatever their religious background, or against those already in the US, be it anti-Semitism, misogyny, violence against African-Americans and Hispanics, homophobia, Islamophobia or any of the other forms of hatred afflicting our society. We will do whatever we can to support these members of our community.

For information as it emerges, please make sure you follow @AFTHigherEd on twitter and that you provide us with a non-Temple email for rapid response updates.

In solidarity,
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