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Dear Campus Community:

President Trump issued an executive order on Friday, January 27, 2017, which includes a ban on entry into the United States by citizens of seven countries — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen — for the next 90 days.

Western Oregon University has identified a few members of our campus community from the affected nations. Western staff members are working with individually affected students to offer guidance and support. In order to safeguard privacy, we will make no statements about individuals. At this time, we are relieved to report that no members of our community are stranded outside the United States because of this executive order. We encourage any faculty or staff who may be impacted by the executive order to reach out to Human Resources.

As president of Western, I am deeply troubled by this executive order and we are actively engaged in efforts to more fully understand its implications. Western Oregon University's mission is to create lasting opportunities for student success in a community that values diversity and inclusion.

I am grateful that last week our Board of Trustees approved our values statements, including:

Community: Trustworthy, caring, safe environment for the cultivation of peace, civility and social justice; connections extending beyond the classroom, across campus and into our local and global communities.

Diversity and Respect: Equity and inclusion; a fundamental basis in human diversity; appreciation for the complexity of the world; strength drawn from our variety of backgrounds, abilities, cultural experiences, identities, knowledge domains and means of expression.

These core values drive our actions and our words. Western is steadfast in its commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment that fosters student success and academic freedom. As a community of scholars we reaffirm our commitment to the free and open exchange of ideas. This effort is enhanced and enriched by working with scholars and colleagues from other nations.

When I walk through campus, I am continually reminded about what makes WOU special—the people. Now, more than ever, we must support each other and reaffirm our commitment to the principles of diversity, inclusion and community.

Sincerely,

Rex Fuller, President

Office of the President