Talking Points: MSU-related Information on Executive Orders and other immigration issues
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• Will MSU release immigration or citizenship information about its students?
  o MSU is committed to protecting the privacy of all students, and does not release information about students without their consent unless compelled by law. It is the policy of MSU to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.
  o With regard to international students on an F, J or M nonimmigrant visa, federal law and regulations waive FERPA rights such that educational institutions are required to report certain information to government agencies.

• Who should students, faculty or staff contact if they are adversely affected by recent changes in U.S. immigration policy?
  o All international students, faculty, or staff with questions about their visa or work status should contact the Office of International Students and Scholars at +1-517-353-1720.
  o Individuals with questions about DACA or other issues pertaining to undocumented immigrants should consult the MSU College of Law Immigration Law Clinic website for updated information and resources.
  o Affected undergraduate students, faculty, or staff concerned about academic issues (e.g. registration in classes or financial aid) should contact Debra Dotterer, Assistant Dean for University Advising in the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education (dotterer@msu.edu, +1-517-353-3243).
  o Affected graduate students, faculty advisors, or administrators concerned about academic impacts (e.g. completion of degree requirements, or questions about assistantships) should contact Dr. Tony Nunez, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Postdoctoral Education in the Graduate School (nunez@grd.msu.edu, +1-517-353-3220).

• Will the MSU Police Department consent to perform the functions of immigration officers and take immigration enforcement actions?
  o The MSU Police are state law enforcement officers and do not have jurisdiction to enforce federal immigration laws.

• What should MSU students or faculty participating in a study abroad program or doing university or degree-related research do if detained at the border upon reentry to the US?
  o Students, faculty or staff facing difficulty upon arrival in the US after traveling internationally and/or disallowed from boarding a flight back to the US may call the MSU 24/7 International Emergency Assistance Tel: +1-517-353-3784 to seek advice.
This line is routed through the MSU Police Department where calls are logged by cadets and then transferred to OIHS. Faculty Directors responsible for Office of Education Abroad (OEA) Programs will be encouraged to call this number should any of their students be detained trying to re-enter the US.

When possible, the faculty advisor should remain at the point of entry with the detained student until a parent/attorney/or another representative arrives or the situation is resolved.

Anyone who is detained at the border upon reentry has the right to remain silent, the right to speak to an attorney, and the right to not sign anything before speaking to an attorney.

- **What resources exist for students, faculty, and staff concerned about the impact of the changes in immigration policies on themselves, their families, or others?**
  - Students may contact the Counseling Center, Olin Health Center, or Student Affairs and Services if they need support. Faculty and staff are encouraged to contact the Employee Assistance Program. Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives is also a resource available to affected individuals. The MSU College of Law Immigration Law Clinic provides links to resources at its website. While the Immigration Law Clinic does not have capacity to provide individual counseling and representation to all affected faculty, students, and family members, clinic faculty will make every effort to be available for information sessions with student or faculty groups.