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TO: TBR Faculty, Students and Staff

FROM: The Office of General Counsel

DATE: February 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Executive Order – Suspension of Entry and Immigration Benefits to Nationals of Certain Countries.

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As most are aware, an Executive Order titled: *Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States* was issued recently by the White House. While there is much unknown and much related confusion about the effect of the Order, the basic directives with potential to affect TBR institutions, employees and/or students are the following:

1. A 90-day travel/entry ban for nationals of seven (7) specific countries
  - a. Iraq,
  - b. Syria,
  - c. Iran,
  - d. Libya,
  - e. Somalia,
  - f. Sudan, and
  - g. Yemen
2. A 120-day suspension of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) applicable to nationals of all foreign countries and applicable to refugees from Syria for an indefinite period.

The system office, and each TBR institution, understands how unsettling this situation is and wants to emphasize our support for all employees, academics, and scholars potentially affected by this Order. During the effective period of the Order it is recommended that:

1. Any national from any of the seven (7) countries listed refrain from discretionary travel outside of the United States during the effective period for the Executive Order,
2. Any dual national from any of the seven (7) listed countries, except those with U.S. citizenship, refrain from discretionary travel outside of the United States during the effective period for the Executive Order,

3. Any affected individual who must, or chooses to, travel outside the United States during this period should consult with personal immigration counsel before exiting the U.S.

The information available about the implementation of the Executive Order is both scarce and fluid at this time. We are working to obtain clarification regarding the effects on travel for nationals of the designated countries. Information will be provided as it becomes available and every effort will be made to minimize adverse effects within the TBR system.