As you likely are aware, on March 6, President Trump signed a new, revised Executive Order restricting entry into the U.S. of foreign nationals from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Sudan and Yemen. I would like to take this opportunity to provide information about this Executive Order, and to let you know what we are doing at UVM to track developments out of Washington that may impact our campus.

First, the new Executive Order. The Order restricts issuance of visas to foreign nationals from the above six countries for the next 90 days. There are several exceptions to the new Executive Order restriction. For example, the Executive Order restriction on entry into the United States does not apply to:

- Any permanent resident of the U.S. (green card holders).
- Any individual who already is in possession of a valid visa.
- Any dual national who travels on a passport issued by an unrestricted country.
- Any individual already in the U.S.

Importantly, the revised Executive Order has no effect on the valid legal status of any individual currently on campus. The Office of International Education communicated on Tuesday with all individuals who hold citizenship from one of the affected countries, and is offering advice and counseling on a 24/7 basis.

Second, I would like to share with you our continuing efforts to monitor developments out of Washington. Last month, I appointed two teams: one to track and respond to immigration and travel-related issues; and one to watch more broadly all developments from Washington that could potentially impact our campus, either positively or negatively. We also are in close contact with Vermont’s congressional delegation in Washington, as well as the Vermont Attorney General’s Office, regarding issues that potentially affect us.

As I receive regular reports, we will continue to notify the campus on major developments coming from the new administration.