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Dear Faculty and Staff,

On July 6, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) issued an advisory ending temporary modifications for international students to take classes online (due to the pandemic) for the fall 2020 semester. Despite the pandemic continuing, international students are now required to take classes on campus in order to maintain their student visa. As the majority of colleges and universities have opted to move online for fall, this regulation has jolted our colleagues at neighboring institutions and is causing significant stress to our international student populations.

At Chaffey College, we have approximately 150 international students who are impacted by this regulation. To date, we have contacted these students about the regulation and are working with each of them on their options. The regulation allows them to either choose to take the on-campus classes we offer, transfer to another college that offers more on-campus options, or return to their home countries and take online classes there. Due to the complexity of immigration regulations, we have sought the expertise of our legal partners at TODEC Legal Services to offer a virtual meeting for our international students to help answer their questions and provide them with additional resources. Once this date is confirmed, an email from the Center for Culture and Social Justice will be sent out to all.

It is important to note that this ICE advisory is already being challenged with lawsuits filed by both Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Additional legal action is being discussed among California public universities and colleges to support stopping this regulation, and Chaffey College will be joining these efforts. We value our international student population and want them here, pursuing their studies and reaching their academic goals.

As faculty and staff, I encourage you to offer your support to our international student population and encourage them to check their student emails so they can continue receiving updates and resources from us.

We will continue to provide you with updates as they develop on this matter.

Thank you,

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Superintendent/President

