On July 6, 2020, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) announced that international students will not be allowed to remain in the United States if they are enrolled only in online or remote instruction for Fall 2020 semester. We strongly disagree with this new policy that imposes unreasonable hardships to international students. At this time, the ICE policy has been challenged in courts by various universities, including a lawsuit filed by the California Attorney General on behalf of the California State University system and California Community Colleges.

While we continue to monitor this evolving situation, we want you to know that CSULB is committed to helping all students in every way possible with their educational pursuits.

We understand the tremendous uncertainty and stress this policy has caused our international students. As we are analyzing and examining the new policy, all colleges and departments at CSULB are also working diligently in finding ways to serve and help our students.

The staff at the CSULB Center for International Education (CIE) has also been in constant communication with the higher education community around the country, seeking further clarification about this new policy, including from SEVP itself. CIE will continue to update and provide additional information to all students as it becomes available. In the meantime, if students have any questions, they should contact CIE academic advisors to discuss their fall 2020 course schedule including the availability of hybrid and in-person classes.

CIE advisors can be reached at cie-student@csulb.edu. Students may also receive online e-advising. For information on how to get online e-advising services, click here.

Sincerely,

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