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**JANET NAPOLITANO, PRESIDENT
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Re: Statement Opposing President Trump's Executive Order on Immigration

Dear Janet:

On behalf of the Academic Council and several of the Academic Senate's standing committees, I wanted to express my deepest appreciation for the ongoing efforts you and others in the administration have taken to support members of the UC community affected by the Federal Government's recent actions, notably the President's Executive Order of January 27, 2016.

In addition to our recent [letter](#) expressing support for the letter from you and the ten chancellors, I am attaching a statement from the University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW) condemning the Executive Order. As you can see, four other standing Senate committees have endorsed the statement, and I am pleased to report that the Academic Council has also expressed support for the statement and the actions it requests from you by an overwhelming majority.

The statement is now posted on the Senate's web site, and we would be pleased to see it included on the administration's new web site concerning immigration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Chalfant".

Jim Chalfant, Chair
Academic Council

Cc: Academic Council
Senate Director Baxter
Senate Executive Directors

Statement Opposing President Trump's Executive Order on Immigration

UCFW, CCGA, UCAADE, UCEP, and UCORP join with other members of American universities in unequivocally condemning the executive order signed by President Donald J. Trump on January 27, 2017, which bans entry into the United States by citizens of seven majority-Muslim countries for at least 90 days, halts all refugee admissions for 120 days, and implements "extreme vetting" on all new immigrants. We urgently request that the leaders of the University of California use every means within their power to protect our students, staff, and faculty from its harmful effects.

The University of California is an international institution deeply rooted in collaborative relationships with scholars, students, and institutions around the world. Our world-renowned laboratories, classrooms, hospitals, and quads are a testament to the positive power of inclusion, diversity, openness, and engagement. This executive order threatens not just individuals, but also the foundations of UC's excellence in public education and research.

Beyond the material impact of this executive order on our university community, the xenophobia and fear that it represents are antithetical to the basic values that we treasure as teachers and scholars. Even if not a single member of our community were directly affected, we still would reject its harmful impact on individuals and families who might not have the privilege of attending or working at the University of California. We welcome the statement from President Napolitano on this matter, and we encourage the UC President to continue to offer moral and intellectual leadership and to undertake all actions possible to protect students, faculty, and staff.