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Hello International Students!

Oregon Tech aims to be an open and inclusive environment for all students. There are people and resources available to you if you are ever feeling uncertain, scared, unwelcome, or unsupported either at school or throughout your time in the United States. Please let me or another trusted staff or faculty member know if you have ideas to continue to improve the spirit of inclusion on our campuses and in our communities and/or to share any problems/concerns that you are experiencing.

I do not know what lies ahead, but we are committed to your wellbeing and will do everything in our power to support your success. While we are transitioning to this new administration, I ask that we be extra careful to adhere to the SEVP policies and the Oregon Tech procedures for international students. We will not disclose any information regarding your status as an international student, unless it is requested through the proper procedure by a certified government employee with cause. Please pay careful attention to the following items:

- Report any changes to your home address or U.S. phone number to me immediately.
- Please keep a form of legal identification with you at all times. If you do not want to carry your passport, I recommend that you apply for an Oregon State I.D. or Driver's License.
- If you leave your home city, keep your legal identification and current I-20 with you at all times.
- If you are planning on traveling, please remember to send me an email with your planned itinerary so that I can be prepared to provide you with any necessary documentation or answer questions from U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Officers.
- I know that travel within the United States has been autonomous for the most part, but please keep me informed even if you are not leaving the country.
- If you are considering applying for an off-campus job while you are a student (CPT) or after you graduate (OPT), please complete the forms as early as possible so that I can help you prepare for the application process in a timely manner. These can all be found online at www.oit.edu/ISSForms.

Once again, we are here to support you. On behalf of the Student Affairs teams and Dr. Foley, it is our mission to enhance your dynamic learning community through opportunities for access, development, and success. Please don’t hesitate to stop by or send us an email if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,

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