

July 10, 2020

TO: CSUMB Students and Campus Community
FROM: Associated Students (2020-2021)

Statement on ICE SEVP Modifications

Given the recent disturbing announcements made by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), as the Associated Students (AS), we are deeply concerned about the impact and effect this will have upon our international students at CSUMB and in the nation.

Essentially, any F-1 and M-1 students attending universities operating entirely online for the fall 2020 semester will be required to leave the country or transfer to a university with in-person instruction.

The timing associated with launching these modifications on federal policy by the government are unreasonable, senseless, and cruel. These sudden changes and departure of our international students in less than a month's notice can gravely endanger our students' lives, experiences, and educational opportunities.

We believe that all of our international students are an integral part of our Otter Family. Regardless of your status, you are valuable to the CSU. Your AS will diligently advocate on behalf of our students, especially in working closely with our CSUMB Administration and leaders across the CSU to navigate this federal policy to identify solutions together.

This week, AS has reached out to the International Student Programs Office, Dean of Students Office, and Division of Student Affairs about these matters. We assure you that critical campus discussions among different departments are occurring now at CSUMB, on a CSU level, and at the Chancellor's Office on these urgent issues. As more information comes forward, we will provide a transparent line of communication through our platforms.

We will do everything in our power to ensure that our students' best interests are at heart. We stand with our international students. If you have any questions or concerns, please email president@ascsumb.org.

Sincerely,
Your Associated Students.

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