Update from Board of Regents President Mike Richards on Coronavirus

March 14, 2020

With the continued spread of COVID-19, the Board of Regents has directed each of our Regent Universities to recall all faculty, staff and students that are out of the country. The Board is giving each university president the flexibility to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Previously, the Board had the universities recall faculty, staff and students from any country that the CDC designated with a Level 3 travel health notice. This now applies to all countries.

We recognize this decision may cause frustration and hardship, but the COVID-19 pandemic continues to expand worldwide. The Board is taking this action in the interest of the health and safety of everyone.

Yesterday, Governor Reynolds cancelled all non-essential business travel for state agencies, which includes the Regent Universities. The Board's rolling 30-day university-sponsored international travel ban remains in effect, and we continue to recommend avoiding travel to any area with high numbers of infection.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation, the Board will continue to evaluate this on a daily basis and provide additional guidance if needed.

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