Dear campus community,

Since my message regarding the presidential election, I’m pleased that members of the Wayne State community have continued to serve our mission while treating each other with respect and civility.

Because of uncertainties raised during the recent election campaign, Wayne State, like other universities, has been asked to clarify our position regarding international and undocumented students. As you may know, the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy characterizes colleges and universities as “sensitive locations” where enforcement actions should not occur unless extraordinary and dangerous circumstances exist. While we will monitor closely any changes that may occur in laws governing the treatment of undocumented students, our position has not changed on this important subject, and our Tuition Equity policy remains in place.

At Wayne State, we will continue to protect student privacy. We will not share private student information unless required by law or a court order, nor will we require students to disclose their immigration status except as required by law. Our police do not inquire into or record the immigration status of students or other persons unless a serious crime has been committed. Wayne State uses E-verify only for its intended purpose, which is concerned solely with determining employment eligibility. In summary, Wayne State University remains committed to ensuring our campus is welcoming, inclusive and fully nurturing of people from all backgrounds.

In a broader sense, I hope we all use this time of transition and uncertainty as an opportunity to better understand one another. The diversity on our
campus mirrors the wider world in many ways, and it’s a key reason many of us chose to come here. Here we have the opportunity to appreciate our differences, and also learn from them. This is how we grow as individuals and as a community.

Sincerely,

M. Roy Wilson
President