

## **BSUFA statement regarding immigration order, adopted 2.6.2017**

The Bemidji State Faculty Association condemns the recent travel ban instituted by the Trump administration against citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, and the accompanying suspension of the United States' refugee program. This measure explicitly targets our colleagues and students based on their nationality, contradicting the values of inclusivity, equality and factual thinking that define us, as a profession and as a Bemidji community.

It also reinforces a culture of exclusion that affects our colleagues and students who are Muslims, immigrants and refugees. Whereas respect and informed judgment are part of our mission as faculty, we stand in solidarity with those harmed by the recent executive order on immigration. We commit to examining the impact of this order on our community and to respecting and protecting those in our community who have been made more vulnerable as a result. We also commit ourselves to creating inclusive classrooms and a campus where students, faculty and staff of all religions and nationalities belong.