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Dear Chancellor Rodrigues,

As members of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates representing institutions across the State University System of Florida, we write to express our deep concern regarding the recent and troubling revocations of visas for international students attending universities across the United States, including within Florida's State University System.

What makes this situation particularly distressing is the opaque nature in which the cancellations are occurring. Affected students have reportedly received little to no formal notice, rationale, or recourse, leaving them in a state of confusion, fear, and uncertainty about their academic futures, legal status, and personal wellbeing.

Given Florida's strong commitment to global education and the critical role that over 40,000 international students across the State University System play in our academic and research communities, we respectfully urge you to work closely with the Board of Governors and leadership across the State University System to take proactive and transparent action. Specifically, we call on your office to:

1. **Provide institutional transparency** about the scope and implications of the current visa issue, including the number of students within the SUS that have been affected and the nature of such cases including detailing given rationales for visa revocations.
2. **Issue clear guidance to students** who are concerned about or at risk of visa revocation, ensuring they are informed of their current status, available resources, travel guidance, and who they can turn to for accurate information.
3. **Outline students' rights and due process expectations**, including what procedural protections may be available and how students can seek legal or administrative recourse if they are impacted.
4. **To every extent possible, empower institutions to support students** in securing and exercising their due process rights, and in continuing to remotely access education from our institutions in situations where they are compelled to leave the nation after joining Florida institutions under a valid visa.

In these uncertain times, it is essential that Florida's universities uphold our core educational values including respect for due process and academic support for all students, regardless of nationality. Our international students deserve transparency, guidance, and advocacy as they navigate these evolving and alarming developments.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering immediate action on this urgent matter. We stand ready to work with your office to ensure Florida's continued commitment to academic freedom, global engagement, and the support of all students.