

## **Faculty Senate Statement on Protecting the Interests of our International and Resident Immigrant Community**

In August 2012, Colorado Mesa University passed a resolution embracing “its role as the cultural hub of western Colorado” and striving “to nurture a respectful, inclusive, physically and emotionally safe campus culture free of violence, physical or verbal abuse, intimidation or discrimination.”

As faculty, we are concerned about the evolving changes to immigration laws, policies, and practices that may affect the status and safety of CMU students, staff, and faculty, and their families. We the faculty believe we must state clearly that we intend to continue “to nurture a respectful... [and] inclusive ... safe campus culture.” We believe students, staff, and faculty from other countries, documented or undocumented, are invaluable members of our community.

To this end, we resolve to welcome all of the members of the CMU community, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, country of origin, or status. We will work to protect and support students, staff, and faculty to the full extent of our abilities and the law.