Messages from the Department of Nutrition Chair, Elizabeth Mayer-Davis

Statement on Immigration

Our core mission is to improve health through nutrition, here in North Carolina and around the globe. This is best achieved by valuing the scholarship of the global community, regardless of country of origin and/or religion. We remain steadfast in our commitment to diversity and inclusion and our department does not discriminate on any basis, including but not limited to race/ethnicity, color, national origin, age, gender, socioeconomic background, religion, creed, veteran’s status, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or disability.

Please join us in our efforts to make the world a healthier place. Your insights and expertise are welcome here.

UNC Faculty Executive Committee Statement on Immigration

“As faculty members of the nation’s oldest public university, we stand with our colleagues, students, and staff members who are concerned for their place in our community as a result of recent executive actions by the new administration. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill stands for intellectual curiosity, discovery, and artistic expression. These pursuits know no borders. To target individuals because of their nationality, religion, or any other characteristic runs counter to all that we value and hold dear at Carolina. We stand together as an intellectual community. We will do everything possible to defend every individual’s rights and to convey to those in power the value they bring to our common endeavor.”

Statement on House Bill 2

UNC-Chapel Hill is a world-class research university. It serves the people of the State of North Carolina by attracting and retaining the very best faculty, staff, and students from around the state, the country, and the world. The Department of Nutrition is fully committed to the health and wellbeing of our faculty, staff, and students. In keeping with our mission to improve the lives of populations both locally and globally, we are fully committed to the University’s Policy Statement on Non-Discrimination, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status and which remains unchanged and continues to be in full force. We agree with Chancellor Folt and other campus leaders, who recently stated: “All that Carolina has worked hard to establish over the decades – policies including protections for sexual orientation and gender identity, and fostering a culture of acceptance, respect for one another, and human dignity above all else – remain a fundamental cornerstone of what our University aspires to be.”

The Department of Nutrition takes this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to and respect for the LGBTQ community. We at the Department of Nutrition continue to strive to create an inclusive and respectful environment for each and every individual.