To Whom It May Concern
U.S. Department of State Consular Services
United States Customs and Border Protection

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Tulane University Instructional Model Fall 2020 semester

This letter is to confirm that Tulane University has made the decision to have students return to campus in New Orleans for the Fall 2020 semester and we will be holding in-person classes. Online classes will be offered, but mainly for students who are located outside the US and not able to enter the country due to travel restrictions or visa delays. Accordingly, Tulane University has planned for a range of courses that allow students to choose to engage in in-person instruction or a combination of classes that are online as well as in-person. This information has been conveyed to SEVP as part of the Temporary Procedural Adaptation permitted to schools as a result of COVID-19.

Based on the latest guidance outlined by SEVP in its July 24th, 2020 update (https://www.ice.gov/doclib/coronavirus/covid19faq.pdf), there is no longer a need for institutions to issue to students an updated I-20 as indicated in the July 6, 2020 DHS directive to universities, which required a remark to be added attesting to our hybrid learning model. This letter serves to confirm our learning model. Accordingly, all I-20s issued by Tulane University to its students meet the requirements for them to apply for and obtain an F-1 non-immigrant visa and meet eligibility requirements for entry into the United States.

Please be advised that we recognize that individual students may face difficulty in making an entry to the US prior to the official start of instruction. In acknowledgment of possible travel delays, Tulane University will allow new students in initial status to arrive up to 30 days after the start of instruction listed on the student’s form I-20 or DS-2019.

DOS or CBP officials who would like to contact the Office of International Students and Scholars are welcome to call our office during regular business hours (8:30 am to 5 pm) at 504-865-5208. After hours, DOS or CBP officials can call the Tulane University Police Department (TUPD) at (504) 865-5381. TUPD will then contact me directly so that I can respond to the inquiry outside of regular office hours.

Sincerely,

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