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Dear Dr. Rizki,

I hope this finds you well and that you had a nice Labor Day Weekend!

I am writing to share with you a new policy of the LEAP Intensive English Program.

LEAP has written a policy to take students on F2 visas. These are dependents of students holding F1 student visas. We worked on the policy Spring Semester 2016 together with the UCIE's Immigration Staff and had it has since been approved by CoLA (Dean Kristin Sobolik) and Provost Sudkamp and his office.

Why take F2 students? The primary reason for LEAP taking F2s is that it would help us increase our enrollment. The students are already in the country (in the local area) as their spouses are studying at WSU. There is no need for WSU to issue an I-20 needed for a visa. Most of the students would be spouses to students who have gone through our program. We are frequently asked by our graduates if we take F2s as they prefer their spouses study in LEAP at WSU instead of having to drive them to UD's Intensive English Program (where those with F2 visas currently study). Most Intensive English Programs in Ohio take students on F2 visas. The students are only allowed to take part-time classes. Our policy clearly lays this out. Students can not get the LEAP TOEFL Waiver on an F2 visa. If they wish to study full-time and get the TOEFL Waiver, they'll have to apply for an F1 visa. The typical F2 students are not here for a degree but are looking to take a few classes to improve their English while their spouse is working on his/her academic program.

I am writing you as LEAP would like to run this policy by the IPOC Committee to make the committee aware of it. We plan to start admitting F2 students for Spring Semester 2017 and hope to advertise it on our website and via social media soon. However, we would like the IPOC to see policy first. I understand from Irena Joseph that the committee is meeting this Thursday.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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