

Executive order directs Princeton to investigate international pro-Palestinian

An

executive order

signed by President Donald Trump and released on Wednesday, Jan. 29 calls for Princeton and other univ

The executive order gives various federal agencies — including the Department of Education — 60 days to

opened

by the Department of Education in January 2024,

referencing

chants at pro-Palestine protests in October 2023.

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Last spring saw the rise of a national protest movement against the war in Gaza, culminating in

several

high-profile

protests

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including

a sustained “Gaza Solidarity Encampment” at Princeton. A sit-in at Clio Hall resulted in the arrests of 13 Pr

ongoing

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The order itself does not explicitly call for the revocation of student visas for protest participants. However,

fact sheet

distributed with the order that he would “quickly cancel the student visas of all Hamas sympathizers on coll

likely

draw legal challenges.

The University does not

maintain

a definition of antisemitism in its nondiscrimination statement or equal opportunity policy. A proposed unde

definition

from the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) did not have enough support to reach the

concerns

that the definition could chill speech critical of Israel. Harvard University recently

adopted

the IHRA’s text in a settlement to Title IV investigations, and the definition is also used by the Department

In an interview with The Daily Princetonian, Rabbi Gil Steinlauf ’91, the director of the Center of Jewish Life

“We have to be very, very careful to make sure that students who want to engage in free speech have their

While he has reservations about how the executive order will be enforced, Steinlauf praised the acknowle

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“I think it’s important that there is a strong statement that there is not a place for antisemitism or any other

Associate Director for International Students at the Davis International Center (Davis IC) Regina George d

“Students and staff who want to discuss their visa status should schedule an appointment with their Davis

In response to a question about how the University would help protect students and ensure their rights to f

email

sent by University President Christopher Eisgruber ’83 on Tuesday, the day before the executive order rel

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Eisgruber wrote that “The recent wave of White House executive orders and policy memos ... is understand

He explained that “We are proceeding carefully to ensure that the steps we take are sensitive to the needs

In Eisgruber’s annual State of the University

letter