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Subject: Update on the ComArtSci Lunar New Year Celebration (1/29)

Dear ComArtSci + WKAR Community,

I'm writing to share an important update regarding our annual Lunar New Year celebration. After much thoughtful consideration, we have made the decision cancel this year's event.

This decision comes in response to concerns shared by members of our community regarding the current issuance of Executive Orders related to immigration and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). These actions have prompted feelings of uncertainty and hesitation about gathering for events that highlight cultural traditions and communities. We feel it is important to honor those concerns with sensitivity and care.

We deeply recognize the significance of the Lunar New Year celebration as both an important program and a cherished tradition for our community. We are always grateful for the opportunities to learn with and from one another and value the unique perspectives and contributions each member of our community brings. This decision was not made lightly, but it reflects our commitment to listening, understanding, and supporting one another during uncertain times.

With every new administration comes transitions and policy shifts, which can bring uncertainty and unease as we await further information and guidance. During this time, I encourage all of us to extend kindness and consideration to those around us, and continue to support one another. Please also remember to take care of yourselves. If you are in need of resources or support, do not hesitate to reach out to me or Jada.

Thank you for your understanding, and we hope you will join us for Love, ComArtSci on February 12th from 1-3 PM, to reconnect and strengthen our community.

Take care,



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