

April 4, 2017

Dear Faculty,

I hope that you enjoyed your well-deserved break. Welcome back to campus and to the start of the spring '17 quarter. If you haven't had an opportunity yet to see some of the highlights from the winter and fall quarters, [click here](#) to view our new electronic newsletter.

Several more important and exciting events will occur this term. Below are a few; please save the date.

- A **Faculty Technology Open Forum**, presented by the divisions of Academic Affairs and Information Technology Services, will be held (following the Academic Senate meeting) on **Tuesday, April 11 from 4-5 p.m.** in Lower Commons, Pine Room. Participants will have the opportunity to share their thoughts about the state of technology on campus and what can be done to better serve you. For those of you unable to join us in person, **Zoom video conferencing** is available (<https://csusb.zoom.us/j/970500915>)
- Faculty and staff who have published a book in the last year will be recognized during the **2017 Faculty / Staff Book Launch**. The event, hosted by the offices of Graduate Studies and Student Research, will take place **Tuesday, April 27 from 3-6 p.m.** in Lower Commons, Pine Room. In addition, published faculty/staff will share their experiences from 3-4 p.m. during the event's **Future Faculty Writers workshop**. [Click here](#) to register.
- The Division of Academic Affairs' **Faculty Recognition Luncheon** will be held **Monday, May 1 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** in the Santos Manuel Student Union, Events Room A & B. As a part of this program, outstanding faculty from each college will be honored in the areas of Instructionally-Related Activities, Research, Scholarly or Creative Contribution, and Service to the College. Please RSVP by April 28 to Academic Personnel, Ext. 75029 or by email to hlint@csusb.edu.
- The Graduation Initiative 2025 **Informed Decision-Making conference** will be held on campus (Building/Room to be determined) on **Friday, May 5, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** The program features an array of sessions on tools that lead to the improvement of graduation rates. Lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) to register.

- Cooperative interaction among colleagues is a cornerstone of our university and one's professional work. Related ideas and views will be shared and discussed during CSUSB's **Collegiality Forum**. The event will be held **Thursday, May 11 from 8 a.m.-noon** in the Obershaw Dining Room.
- The offices of Graduate Studies and Student Research will host the **Faculty Research Grant Awards** ceremony on **Thursday, May 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.** in the Santos Manuel Student Union. [Please RSVP](#) by May 5. (The awards ceremony follows the daylong Meeting of the Minds student research symposium.)

See you there and Happy Spring!

Warm regards,
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