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To: Colleagues; Students

From: Vice President for Administration and Finance

Subject: Jan.21: Shared Governance Open Forum

A Special Invitation to the CSUSB Community:

The Shared Governance Task Force would like to invite the campus community to the next working session as we progress forward in establishing a CSUSB Statement on Shared Governance. Facilitated by our selected consultants from Association of Governing Boards (AGB) and lead by Dr. Jim Lyons, the next campus open forum will be on January 21, 2020, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the Eucalyptus Room, Lower Meeting Center.

Based on feedback from campus stakeholder groups during AGB's October visit, and a review of similar statements on other CSU campuses, a First Draft CSUSB Statement on Shared Governance is now available for campus review and comment on the [Shared Governance website](#).

All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to review the draft statement in advance of the January 21 working session. There are two ways to provide feedback directly to AGB on any recommended edits or comments. This first is to attend the open forum and provide your thoughts directly to AGB. The second is to download the draft statement from the Shared Governance website, provide any recommended edits, and email them confidentially to AGB at agb_csusb@agb.org.

During the 2018/19 academic year, the Shared Governance Consultant Selection Task Force, consisting of representatives of the Associated Students, Faculty Senate, Staff Council, and Administration, reached a consensus and recommended that the [Association of Governing Boards \(AGB\)](#) and [Dr. James Lyons](#) be selected to serve as consultants to assist CSUSB with further strengthening shared governance across the university. The desired goal of the Task Force is to work collaboratively with campus stakeholders to develop a statement on shared governance to guide CSUSB forward. Dr. Lyons began his work with CSUSB in Spring 2019, meeting with the various governance groups and to get their impressions of shared governance on campus. He returned to campus during October 2019 to obtain stakeholder thoughts and guidance on what important elements should be included in the CSUSB statement on shared governance.

Regards,

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