The California State University system and CSUSB engage in the shared governance model of consultative decision making, one that relies on an open discussion and feedback from each stakeholder group.  I am pleased that all of CSUSB’s governance organizations were able to reach consensus on a consultant to work with us as we further build on our strong commitments to shared governance.  AGB Consulting, and more specifically, Dr. James (Jim) Lyons, have agreed to serve CSUSB in this capacity.  My many thanks to each of you for your committed work on the consultant selection.

The consulting agreement is executed and their work with CSUSB will begin on April 29, 2019 with plans to conclude in December 2019.  Dr. Lyons has specifically requested that we assemble and charge a steering committee to coordinate with him during his consulting work.  In that spirit, I am calling on your assistance to submit two names from your governance organization to create an eight-member steering committee.  Since the work will bridge both this and next academic year, it would be ideal if the names submitted are members of the campus who are anticipated to continue with their governance organization into next year.  It is completely understandable if this is not possible.

I have asked my Chief of Staff, Julie Lappin to collect your nominations and set up the inaugural meeting of the new steering committee. Please submit your nominations by Friday, April 5th to [jlappin@csusb.edu](mailto:jlappin@csusb.edu). Thank you for your leadership in this important decision. I welcome your feedback and comments.