

Academic Affairs
Office of the Provost and Vice President

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Dear Colleagues,

Prior to my arrival, a decision was made to move international programs (formerly overseen by the Office of Academic Programs) to the College of Extended Learning. This change, which reflects a trend across CSU campuses, provides a central location for international admissions, immigration, study abroad and exchange programs, and student services. Already, we have experienced improved outcomes as a result of this realignment. The processing time for international admissions has been reduced from several weeks to six business days and new student enrollment increased 24 percent this fall compared to the previous year.

To further advance this restructure, an inventory of all international activities, including our campus support for the headquarters of Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars, was recently completed. Our campus-wide Council on International Affairs and its subcommittees continue to coordinate and align efforts in support of CSUSB's Strategic Plan; and consultants have been invited to review our international program. Their expert opinion will help to identify additional areas to better serve our international and study abroad students.

Thank you for your support in the advancement of CSUSB's international education and the intellectual and cultural development of our students.

Best,
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