Message from the President--Budget Task Force Report

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To the Campus Community

This morning I received and reviewed the report of the Budget Task Force and wish to share it with the campus community. It is accessible through the campus website (click on Campus Budget Information, then University Budget Task Force, then Task Force Report) or by utilizing the following link: http://www.csus.edu/aba/budget/btf/BudgetTaskForceReport3-13-07.pdf

I would like to make two comments regarding the report. First, I would like to thank the members of the Task Force for the time and energy they expended, not only in developing the report, but also for all the effort it took to learn about and understand the budget process at the campus and system level. This is a very complex and often esoteric process that can only be understood by focusing attention on the myriad components and procedures that drive and govern the process. Second, I wish to commend the Task Force for its thoughtful set of recommendations. I intend to take each one separately and implement each as soon as possible. By following these recommendations, we will be able to establish a clear and open system of budget development, allocation and expenditures that will serve the campus in the future.

Following the Task Force’s first recommendation, it is my intent to establish the University Budget Committee as soon as possible after the appropriate consultation with the Faculty Senate, staff, and students has taken place. I expect that once the committee has been established, the important work of developing next year’s budget can begin. Moreover, I have already set in place the collection of the necessary data to produce a budget book for this year. It should be available after the close of the fiscal year and the university’s final closing of the accounting process.

Again, I want to thank the Task Force for its work and look forward to moving to the next step in making the budget process an open and collective effort.

Alexander Gonzalez, President

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