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To: The Campus Community

Exploring Changes in UBAC: Request for Feedback

On August 20, 2012, I accepted a recommendation from the University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC) (see [www.csustan.edu/bf/UBAC.html](http://www.csustan.edu/bf/UBAC.html)) that called for “restructuring” the committee, with a focus on UBAC’s effectiveness as it relates to its “charge, leadership, and membership.”

Step One in my pursuit of this recommendation is to seek feedback concerning UBAC from members of the campus community. At this point, my goal is simply to gain a comprehensive sense of opinions. UBAC does much to shape budget decisions that affect you. Do you believe that its structure and charge are appropriate? If not, how might they be changed for the better? Do you have other concerns about or suggestions for refinement of UBAC?

Please send your thoughts to [President@csustan.edu](mailto:President@csustan.edu); subject line: UBAC. I will compile a summary of issues raised (without identification of those raising them) as I move into more formal discussion and consultation processes. I would appreciate receiving your input by September 24. I will keep you informed via the President’s Update as we move forward.

For those of you who do not know much about UBAC (see above link), this important University-wide committee “advises the President on broad policy and priority issues related to the University’s budget resources. UBAC reviews the campus budget within the context of the campus strategic plan and annual goals, considers specific budgetary issues as requested by the President, and organizes and holds hearings to review the relationships among division budget requests, the University’s strategic priorities, and the President’s annual goals and/or priorities.”

Current UBAC membership consists of: The Provost and the Vice President for Business and Finance serving as co-chairs; four faculty members (the chair and chair-elect of the Faculty Budget Advisory Committee, two faculty members selected by the Senate Executive Committee); four staff members; two administrators (one dean and one other MPP); and two students (ASI President and Vice President). Members serve one-year, renewable terms.

Thank you in advance for your comments.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joseph F. Sheley'.

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