Charge: To describe the survey and provide recommendations for further review.

This survey is not the same one as any administered by other CSU Career Centers. This survey is only administered by this Career Services Center, and was initiated in 2004 because of a lack of feedback from our graduates related to career preparation and placement. Each university’s Career Center handles it uniquely and separately, funded by their campus. Our goal is to increase response rates and survey our grads consistently. A web version will be launched later this year from our webpage.

Our survey is understandably focused toward career-related aspects of our graduates’ experiences.

- This employment survey was mailed out to graduates from 2007, both Bachelor’s and Master’s candidates.

- The survey targets topics such as college majors, degree earned salary, employment status and industry, job search timelines and methods, and the types of resources that were used during their job search.

- All respondents did not answer all items and the total number of respondents for individual items varied. Respondents for each item ranged from 174-304.

- 306 students responded regarding employment status, and 55% indicated that they are employed full-time.

- 249 students responded regarding best job search method, and of those respondents only about 8% indicated Career Services as the best job search method versus 28% for internet postings.
Observations:

- How does the 2007 survey compare to previous surveys (if administered)?

- Overall, there are some useful measurements in this survey. The preparation of graduates and the best job search method speak to the level of effectiveness of Career Services at CSU Stanislaus.

- It seems that a relatively low number of graduates sought help from our Career Services Center (fewer than 10%). I wonder whether we might ask students who did not use it, why they did not. Is it that they're unaware of it, or that they believe it's useful?

Future Suggestions:

- Get access to raw survey data to further explore the questions and responses.

- Compare the surveys that were administered in previous years.

- Survey students on reasons Career Services Center is not utilized.