ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING IMPORTANT TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Hayward Meetings:
October 7, 2009 at 4PM in LI 2250
October 8, 2009 at 9AM in LI 2250
October 9, 2009 at 11AM in LI 2250

Concord Meeting:
October 7, 2009 at 4PM in Oak Room

At its annual retreat in early September, the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate decided that faculty input is essential for the constructive consideration of the ways in which CSUEB can address our fiscal crisis while maintaining academic quality.

To this end, the Executive Committee has appointed an ad hoc faculty task force comprised of representatives from the Executive Committee, Senate Standing Committees, and other key faculty constituencies from each of the colleges. The goal of this Task Force is to serve as a reporting agency to the Executive Committee of the Senate regarding ways in which the University might restructure its academic organization for more effective as well as more efficient education of our students. The members of the Task Force will compile and synthesize comments and suggestions from the faculty and present these to the Executive Committee of the Senate; they will neither vote on nor decide between different ideas in the formulation of their report.

Faculty are encouraged to attend one of four Town Hall meetings to be held in Hayward and in Concord to express their ideas, both large and small, short term and long term, for improving the CSUEB academic organizational structure. Each faculty member will have 3-5 minutes to present their ideas re: potential academic restructuring aimed at creative use of our limited resources to encourage and promote effective instruction.

At the Town Hall meetings, faculty may address changes both within and between programs, departments, colleges, and campuses. We wish to have as many faculty as possible participate in what we believe is an unprecedented opportunity for faculty to shape the future of academic organization at CSUEB.

Please consider the following questions when planning your brief presentation:

1. What potential structural and/or programmatic realignments do you envision that could create or enhance synergistic relationships between academic programs?

2. What are some models of operation or best practices that could increase the efficiency, effectiveness, or lower the overall cost of academic programs without decreasing educational quality or services to students?

3. Are there opportunities or options for short-term changes that would lead to fulfilling long-term goals?

Faculty who are unable to attend one of the Town Hall meetings are welcome to send email suggestions to the Academic Senate Office (jackie.alnor@csueastbay.edu). These suggestions as well as the suggestions gathered from the Town Hall meetings will be thoroughly reviewed by the Task Force for inclusion in the report.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you.

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