TO: The Executive Committee
FROM: The Information Technology Advisory Committee
PURPOSE: Approval of a regular subcommittee of ITAC

ACTION REQUESTED:
That the Executive Committee via the Academic Senate approve the creation and population of a task force for the purposes of studying learning management software packages and advising the faculty and administration on the selection of a package when the current agreement expires. The Task Force shall go out of existence at the end of AY 2015-6.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
In Academic Year 2012-3, CSU East Bay signed a four-year extension with Blackboard. At the time, the institution indicated that this extension would give the University time to study alternatives so that it could either extend again with Blackboard for a longer-term or move to a competitor. This topic clearly falls under the purview of ITAC (“Reviews and recommends technology standards for Learning Management Systems...”, see 11-12 BEC 8, p. 2). The Committee proposes to have a subcommittee, which, like the Writing Skills Subcommittee of CIC, with members likely to be reapproved annually for the purposes of continuity, study the various learning management packages available and make a recommendation to the faculty based upon their findings. The Senate would likely be asked to forward those recommendations to the administration. Giving the subcommittee over 2 years should allow for a fairly thorough review.