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To: Theodore Lucas, Provost and VPAA
Members of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

From: Task Force on Academic/Curricular Planning

Subject: Task Force Recommendations

The Task Force on Academic/Curricular Planning has completed its work and presents the attached report for your consideration. The report includes recommendations for implementation of new academic majors, emphases, graduate programs, and programs to be studied. In addition, the report recommends the movement of some existing programs from special sessions to state support and the creation of a new special sessions degree program.

An executive summary has been provided in addition to a program grid which depicts our recommendations. The executive summary concludes a series of action items where short term action is recommended. In addition, we have provided considerable background information as appendices, including much of the data that were used in our deliberations, as well as a record of the Task Force process.

The Task Force based its recommendations on estimated enrollment growth of between 400 and 450 Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) per year. We propose a mix of programs to meet enrollment targets that are consistent with the mission of the university, respond to the needs of our students and Ventura County employers, and reflect the innovative spirit of CSUCI.

In addition to our programmatic recommendations, we also recommend that a process for academic planning be institutionalized. To this end we recommend that the report of our subcommittee on the academic planning process (Report: Academic Planning) be enacted as a formal policy of the Academic Senate. This proposal outlines a four year planning cycle for implementation of new major and graduate programs, and establishes an Academic Planning Group (modeled after this Task Force but also including student representation) to serve as an ongoing body for academic planning based on analysis of relevant data.

In putting together this report we have endeavored to place the interests of the whole university ahead of parochial desires. We recognize that academic planning needs to be an ongoing process built on the collection and analysis of data, and recommend adoption of the recommendations included in our report.

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