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TO: Members of the CSUS Community

As you know Chancellor Carter has indicated that he intends to retire on September 1, 2011. The CSUS Board of Trustees has made the decision to move forward with a search for his replacement and to that end has empanelled a Trustee Search Committee and caused to be elected an advisory committee, the Systemwide Advisory Committee for the Chancellor search. The Committee was selected according to the bylaws of the Board of Trustees and is composed of 15 members: 8 selected by the AAUP and SUOAF bargaining units, 2 students and 5 members elected at large, one from each campus (including the System Office).

The Committee has met with the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Trustee Search Committee, received the charge for the search and, with this letter to the CSUS Community, is taking the first step in the process. The first task for the System Advisory Committee (SAC) in preparation for the search is to assemble a list of characteristics that the committee believes are important for the new Chancellor to possess. Attached to the e-mail distributing this letter is a copy of the profile used in 2005 for the search that was conducted for Chancellor Carter. What the SAC is asking is for a review of this document to develop suggestions as to the elements that might be included in the Chancellor Profile for the 2011 search.

The SAC is meeting on January 28, 2011 to make our final recommendations to the Trustee Search Committee regarding the Chancellor Profile. The Committee will accept for consideration suggestions through the 26th of January 2011. The Trustee Search Committee will determine the content of the final profile.

You will receive this letter and the 2005 profile from the committee members on your particular campus. In the interest of efficiency I ask that you respond to one of those individuals from your campus who will then distribute the comments to the other members of the SAC.

Given these uncertain times this search is extremely important as the need for effective leadership has never been greater.

Thank you in advance for your taking the time to consider the 2005 profile and offer your suggestions.

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