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To: Campus Community

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Subject: Black Student Center – Next Steps

As we head toward commencement and the close of the semester, I wanted to provide an update on the Black Student Center initiative.

As you may recall, last December I charged a task force with reviewing the feasibility of creating a center for Black students at Cal State San Marcos. The task force, which included students, faculty and staff, recently completed and submitted their report to me. I thank them for their time and thoughtful recommendations.

This summer I will task Vice President of Student Affairs Lorena Checa (Meza) and Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services Linda Hawk with the next steps of identifying a physical space for the center and the related renovation costs. VP Checa (Meza) will also work to draft a job description for the director and create a timeline for their hire.

Our future Black Student Center will certainly be a welcoming place for all members of our campus community, enhancing our mission to be a diverse and inclusive university, reflecting and serving our region. I look forward to sharing future updates with you as progress towards a grand opening continues. Communications and updates will be also be posted online at <http://www.csusm.edu/studentaffairs/blackstudentcenter.html>.