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**TO:** CSUF Campus Community

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**SUBJECT: Common Finance System (CFS) Implementation**

In order to face the tight budgetary and economic climate, the CMS Steering Committee at the Chancellor's Office has launched the Common Finance System (CFS).

As mandated by the Chancellor's Office, the CFS database project consolidates the existing CMS financial systems from all 23 CSU campuses (and the Chancellor's Office) into a single CSU system-wide finance system, and is designed to be a cost effective, efficient Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that will reduce overall hardware, software, and operational costs. CFS will also reduce system upgrade and maintenance costs over the lifecycle of the Oracle PeopleSoft product.

Cal State Fullerton, along with two other CSU campuses, has been selected to be a pilot campus for this ground breaking endeavor with a go live scheduled for July 2010. The base CFS application was delivered to our campus in February 2010, and since that time our Administration & Finance and University IT staff have been working hard to analyze, design, configure, and build CFS for the upcoming July 2010 go live.

A primary goal of CFS is to implement standardized business practices throughout the CSU; reporting will be standardized as well. Standardization will in turn eliminate all campus-based system modifications, and create cost efficiencies during maintenance and upgrade cycles.

For CSUF, the core business functionalities will remain essentially the same with some important changes to the Purchase Requisition and Budget Transfer applications which will be incorporated into our campus business operations. System enhancements to improve and streamline business processes will be an on-going discussion with the Chancellor's Office, and will continue throughout the system implementation process and after CFS go live.

Throughout this month, numerous presentations and meetings will provide an overview of CFS to the campus community, with detailed hands on training sessions to follow.

Additional CFS information is available on the CFS website:  
<http://fullerton.edu/cms/cfs/index.html>

Thank you.