Dear,

Housing applications for 2024-2025 Academic Year will open in **two weeks**. As you are probably aware, the demand for housing significantly surpasses our capacity to accommodate students. We have and will continue to advantage First-Time Students. Most of you were beneficiaries of this policy. This limits our returning/continuing student population significantly.

Last year, more than 1000 returning students were waitlisted. Trends would suggest a similar situation this year. Our team is piloting a new process for housing outlined below.

BIGGEST CHANGE: Continuing students can apply **ANYTIME** between **March 20th and March 27th**. Time of Application will no longer be a factor in determining who is offered housing.

All applications received by **March 27 at 5 PM** will be randomized in a **Lottery System** and the first 450 students will be offered housing. All other students will be placed on the waitlist in the order determined by randomization.

Continuing Student Application Timeline:

- March 20th at 10 AM Application opens for Continuing Students on the Housing Portal.
- March 27th at 5 PM Application closes for Continuing Students.

• May 16th at 10 AM – Application reopens for Continuing Students, but all applicants will be placed at the end of the randomly ordered waitlist.

How to apply for housing as a Continuing Student:

- 1. Log-into your Single Sign-on (<u>https://sso.csulb.edu</u>) and access the Housing Portal chiclet.
- 2. Select "Housing Application" in the black banner at the top of the page.
- 3. Begin the 2024-2025 Academic Year Application.
- 4. Fill out and complete all required fields.
- 5. A service fee is required to submit the application.
- 6. Submit application. You're done!

Important Information:

Confirmation Process

- Continuing students are limited to **450** spaces across the three villages.
- o Completed applications received within the application period will be ordered in a randomly generated list.
- o 450 students from a randomly generated list will be confirmed for a space in housing.
- Students will be notified of their housing status starting March 29th.
- Paid Waitlist
 - o Completed applications beyond the initial 450 confirmed students will be waitlisted and prioritized by random order.
 - Waitlisted applicants have the option to cancel their application and receive a service fee refund.
- The Continuing Student Application will NOT be prioritized by completion time
 - We have extended the application period to one week. This helps to limit the effect of system failures and give everyone a reasonable chance to apply.

- If you experience high traffic on the Housing Portal, try again later.
- Completed applications received between March 20th-March 27th will be ordered into a randomly generated list.
- Make your application fee payment on the Housing Portal
 - To complete and submit your application, a \$275 license fee is required at the time of application.
 - A \$100 license fee option is available to qualifying applicants who request a fee deferment in the Housing Portal.
- Off Campus Housing Resources
 - We recognize that many of our current students will need assistance with Off Campus Housing Resources. <u>Please visit</u> our website for housing listings, upcoming programs for students, and helpful tips for first time renters.

This is an automated message, if you have questions email or call the housing office at 562.985.4187