To: Gary Laver, Chair, Academic Senate
From: Dustin Stegner, Chair, Academic Senate Instruction Committee
Re: Quarterly Report, Spring 2015
Date: June 11, 2015

During the spring quarter, the Instruction Committee met once in person to finalize its resolution on Cal Poly internship policy, and it communicated repeatedly on changes to the resolution as it moved through the Executive Committee and Academic Senate. The resolution, which was a response to Executive Order 1064, passed. As part of the Resolution on Cal Poly Internship Policy, the committee will be working with Risk Management and other appropriate units in the 2015-16 academic year on developing university-wide forms for student internships.

In addition, the committee chair corresponded with Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Student Affairs, on the possibility of pursuing a resolution on explanation of student absences for official university business. Dr. Humphrey indicated that although he considered the current absence policy to be problematic because students involved in university business are often scheduled for activities beyond their control, he nevertheless did not want to pursue any adjustments at this time.

Finally, the committee chair corresponded with Susan Olivas, Associate Registrar, on the issue of 70-minute MWF classes. Despite the interest of at least one department in returning to this time pattern, which was discontinued in Fall 2006, there appear to be many obstacles to reinstating it. The most significant reason cited by the Registrar's Office is that adding another meeting pattern would introduce another variable/complexity which would further deter from the University's ability to schedule spaces for contiguous use and maximum utilization. After consulting the Campus Master Calendar, it appears as though space is exceptionally limited during the week between 8am-6pm, with the only exception being Fridays. The committee's work on this charge has been more in the capacity of a fact-finding investigation regarding the history of this time pattern and its current status.