An update regarding the March 7th / “St. Fratty’s Day” party incident – Continued process improvements & strengthened community relations

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Cal Poly continues to work to identify and hold accountable those responsible for the March 7 St. Fratty’s Day party.

At the same time, we are working to enhance our own lines of communication on and off campus relating to large gatherings such as this one.

Rumors and references about parties are a frequent occurrence on campus. In the days prior to March 7, the Dean of Students’ Office received a few notes and references to a possible March 7 party. This included a reference to a possible morning party. The dean’s office reached out to the person who provided that information but could not get any other specific details, such as where or what time a party might occur or how large it might be.

The Dean of Students’ Office shared information about a possible March 7 party with University Police but did not specifically mention morning. Our campus police department, in turn, contacted the San Luis Obispo Police Department to discuss the potential for a party.

In retrospect, the information about possible morning timing should have been shared.

Our internal communication process between the Dean of Students' Office and University Police has been strengthened to help head off future issues regarding these details.

The university continues to have an excellent working relationship with our city and community partners. Moving forward, we will work to foster even better communication, on campus and off.

We take the issues that have risen from the March 7 St. Fratty’s Day party very seriously and vow to improve our processes to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff, and community members.