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Greetings to All of You,

This is to provide you with updated information related to the Retired Faculty and Staff Association (RFSA). Fortunately, I have been doing online faculty development and preparing for a university class I will be teaching this fall. I am pleased to be able to, because it is rewarding and I am certainly not bored. The following is information that could be valuable for you and/or to the university.

Joe Grimes
President of RFSA

BEST WISHES TO YOU AND THOSE AROUND YOU

I hope all is going very well for you and those near and dear to you. Please stay healthy and in good spirit.

RETIREES ASSISTING THE UNIVERSITY

This is a challenging and sometimes difficult time for the students, faculty, and staff of the university. It is also a time when our retirees may be able to provide much needed talent and assistance. Some examples of possible assistance that may be important are the following.

1. Assisting in the advising of struggling students
2. Helping faculty:
 - a. As a guest lecturer
 - b. In the development of course material
 - c. In grading
 - d. In observing students while they are taking exams online

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They will be able to discuss with you the assistance that you would be able to provide.

MICROSOFT OFFICE APPLICATIONS LICENSES

Many of you may already know that retirees no longer have licenses for the desktop Microsoft applications and some have expressed a concern about this. If you are volunteering or still working for the university and need these applications, you should be able to receive a renewal. In this case, I would recommend that you ask the person you are working with to place a service request to ITS for the renewal.

USE OF CAMPUS COMPUTERS FROM OFF-CAMPUS

Because of what I understand to be security reasons, direct access to some (probably all) campus computers from off campus has been changed. The following is how you would go about getting access. This does not apply to the use of resources such as the Cal Poly Portal.

In order to directly access a computer, you must first connect to campus using the campus virtual private network (VPN) software. ITS chose to close off all off-campus direct access to the computers just before Spring break. The VPN software will securely connect you to campus. You can then access computers using the methods that you have used in the past.

To set up Cal Poly's VPN see this site: <https://tech.calpoly.edu/services/vpn>

Note - while you are attached to Cal Poly via this VPN (only when you are actually connected to Cal Poly over the VPN), all of your network traffic will then go through Cal Poly. This means if you access YouTube while connected to the Cal Poly VPN, your YouTube traffic will go through Cal Poly. Also, all of your network lookup (for example, google.com) will go through Cal Poly. If you have two computers, which most of us don't have, you could avoid the problem of having non-Cal Poly network work done on one computer and Cal Poly work done on the other.