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TO: Jose Wudka, Chair
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FR: Srikanth Krishnamurthy, Vice Chair
Executive Committee, Bourns College of Engineering

RE: Academic Internship Senate Proposal

The BCOE Executive Committee reviewed the Academic Internship Senate Proposal, which was submitted by "Under Education," to consider granting teaching credit for faculty-led internship courses specified in the proposal.

The committee reviewed the proposal and the committee is not in favor of the granting teaching credits for internships. It is not to say that BCOE is opposed to internships, as we promote internships as a whole to provide a well-rounded curriculum for our students. However, the committee is of the belief that such internships typically have limited faculty involvement; the students who intern are typically mentored by someone from the institution that they visit.