

FacultyLine

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Time Blocks – As part of the Executive Committee report at the September 12 Faculty Senate, I presented an alternative set of time blocks for use when we switch to semesters next fall. Input that followed led to a revision of the alternative time blocks that can be found at (<http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/senage/documents/timeblocks9-23-11.pptx>).

The essence of these alternative time blocks is this: classes would start at 8 AM each weekday instead of 7:25 AM on MWF and 8:30 AM on TTh; night classes would start at 4:40 PM instead of 4:10 PM on MWF and at 5 PM instead of 4:10 PM on TTh. The alternative time blocks would actually increase the number of available daytime blocks (from 13 to 14) and reduce the number of nighttime blocks (from 8 to 6) at the expense of the very latest time blocks when classrooms are not heavily utilized (this fall less than 10% of classrooms are used during the latest time block).

We have access to a great deal of information about classroom utilization during semesters that was not available when the Faculty Senate considered this issue in November of 2009. Enrollment at Wright State has increased to record levels in 2009 and 2010 that have been largely maintained in 2011. Students need to take more classes on a semester system than a quarter system. Next fall we can expect to have more students taking more classes and needing more classrooms than was generally understood in November of 2009. When semester time blocks were approved by the Faculty Senate in 2009 it was with the understanding that the 7:25 AM time block on MWF would not be heavily utilized. A detailed “Semester Classroom Study” presented to the Faculty Senate in the spring of 2011 suggested that even the construction of a new classroom building (likely to not be completed until the fall of 2014) will require most classrooms to be used during the first daytime block. Indeed, planning schedules now also indicate that the 7:25 AM time block will be very heavily used.

It certainly would have been better if more time was available for consideration and discussion about the time blocks we will be using next fall. But, that cannot be an excuse for us to not use the information available to us now to re-evaluate a decision made largely in the absence of information in November of 2009.

When classes start and end has a significant impact on all of us and our students. The feedback that I have gotten since this was raised in the last FacultyLine and the September Faculty Senate meeting suggests that the alternative time blocks are superior to the currently approved time blocks for both faculty and our students. If you have questions or concerns about the alternative time blocks that will be brought up as

new business at Monday's Faculty Senate meeting, please share them with me (Dan.Krane@wright.edu).

Student Success – There is good news and bad news associated with the graduation rates of our students. The good news is that students entering Wright State directly from high school with a GPA of 3.5 or higher in 2003-2004 had a 71% six-year graduation rate (868 students out of 1,223). The bad news though is that only 12% of students (18 out of 150) in that same cohort with an entering GPA of 2.0 or less graduated in that same six-year window. As faculty we are proud of the successes of our students. But we need to also challenge ourselves to find ways to better serve incoming students who are not well prepared for college-level studies.

Faculty Governance – I have asked all Faculty Senators and especially those who represent their Colleges on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to do their best to keep an open line of communication with their constituents. Please look for them to give updates at your College's faculty meetings. You will find the current list of Faculty Senators at <http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/senators/>. Please send any comments, suggestions or concerns about our efforts to "transform the lives of our students and the communities we serve" to them, the Faculty Office (Pam.Zambenini@wright.edu; 775-2039) or directly to me (Dan.Krane@wright.edu; 775-2257).

Welcome! – A total of 46 new fully affiliated faculty joined our ranks this fall. Please join me in welcoming the following individuals to Wright State University!

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Ann Bowling, Assistant Professor
Cindra Holland, Assistant Professor
Kimberly Joo, Clinical Instructor
Dan Kirkpatrick, Clinical Instructor
Rosalie Mainous, Professor and Dean
Elizabeth Pulley, Clinical Instructor
Pamela Stephenson, Assistant Professor
Stephanie Triplett, Clinical Instructor

COLA

Karen Berry, Instructor
Maria Spring Cordes, Assistant Professor
Mandy Egloff, Instructor
Charis Elliott, Instructor
Brian Feltman, Instructor
Thomas Fenton, Instructor
Daryl Hausman, Instructor
Caroline Hillard, Assistant Professor
Jean Koeller, Lecturer
Crystal Lake, Assistant Professor

Laurel Monnig, Instructor
Mailinh Nguyen, Instructor
Christine Sitko, Instructor
Lars Soderlund, Assistant Professor

COSM

Michal Kraszpulski, Instructor
Yi Li, Professor and Dean
Feng Tian, Visiting Assistant Professor

CECS

Ha-Rok Bae, Assistant Professor
Nasser Kashou, Assistant Professor
Zifeng Yang, Assistant Professor

LAKE

Dennis Hance, Lecturer
Weiqun Zhang, Assistant Professor

CEHS

Mary Chace, Instructor
Gina Oswald, Assistant Professor
Carl Sabo, Assistant Professor
Jason Fruth – Teacher Education
Raisa Ignatieva – Teacher Education
Lee Welz – Teacher Education

RSCOB

Thomas Jenkins, Instructor
Brian Lyons, Assistant Professor
Mark Suazo. Assistant Professor

BSOM

Jason Pickett, Assistant Professor
Stacey Poznanski, Instructor
James Rick, Associate Professor
Ranjana Sinha, Assistant Professor
Krista Swenson, Instructor
Melissa Whitmill, Assistant Professor
Virginia Wood, Associate Professor

Upcoming Events – The second Faculty Senate meeting of the 2011 academic year will be held on Monday, October 3 at 2:15 PM in E156 of the Student Union. All are very welcome to attend. An agenda for the meeting can be found at:
<http://www.wright.edu/administration/senate/senage/documents/SenAgnOct11.pdf>

I hope that everyone is enjoying the start of our last fall quarter!

Dan Krane

Faculty President