

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Steven A. Hanke, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee

DATE: 1/10/2022

SUBJ: Expanding Class Scheduling Options

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WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the Senate provide (5.3.3.2.1.) that the Educational Policy Committee shall be concerned with “policies for scheduling classes”; and

WHEREAS, the PFW Strategic Plan states that our Students First core value should lead us to consider all strategic decisions from the perspective of student impact; and

WHEREAS, more class scheduling options would provide greater flexibility to our students; and

WHEREAS, the data for Spring 2022 enrollment (as of December 3, 2021) indicates higher enrollment for two-day (9:00 -10:15 AM and 10:30-11:45 AM) a week morning courses (1,336 enrolled students in T/R morning courses) compared to three-day (8:00 – 8:50 AM, 9:00-9:50 AM, 10:00-10:50 AM and 11:00-11:50 AM) a week morning courses (906 enrolled students in MWF morning courses); and

WHEREAS, the current Class Scheduling Patterns for Fall and Spring semesters has both three-day a week (MWF) and two-day a week (MW) courses scheduled in the afternoons so it is possible to have three-day a week courses scheduled on the same days as two-day a week courses; and

WHEREAS, there is adequate available classroom space on Fridays to allow for one-day a week, three-hour courses to be offered on Fridays; and

WHEREAS, the current scheduling pattern includes Fridays 4:30 - 7:20 PM and 6:00 - 8:50 PM options while those comparable timeslots for other weekdays are 4:30 - 7:15 PM and 6:00 - 8:45 PM;

BE IT RESOLVED beginning in the Fall 2023 semester, the Classroom Scheduling Patterns include MW from 9:00-10:15 am and 10:30-11:45 am; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED beginning in the Fall 2023 semester, the Classroom Scheduling Patterns include 9:00 AM-11:45 AM, 1:30-4:15 PM, 4:30-7:15 PM and 6:00-8:45 PM times on Fridays.