

Question Time

Is it perhaps time to revisit the possibility of greater flexibility in scheduling courses? For example, faculty (or at least COAS faculty) are not allowed to schedule classes MW 1:30 to 2:45. Instead, they are supposed to schedule courses WF 1:30-2:45 or MWF 1:30-2:20. This has a depressing effect on course enrollments, because students don't like to sign up for Friday afternoon classes. Many students try to schedule classes for 2 days (MW or TTh) to give themselves greater flexibility with their work schedules. In the past, we had to offer classes on Friday afternoons to show full building utilization in an effort to get more new buildings, but this reason no longer applies since we don't anticipate new buildings in the foreseeable future.

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