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## Sense of the Senate: University Schedule Changes

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Sense of the Student Senate Addressing the Proposed University Schedule Change and Resulting Effects on Student Meetings and Events.

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- Whereas:** There is currently a proposal jointly presented by the University Registrar and Provost's Office to alter the university schedule, which would eliminate activities periods; **AND**
- Whereas:** Anticipated benefits from the proposal include the ability to schedule 226 additional course sections, additional lab and recitation meeting times, and the reduction of simultaneous meeting times for activities; **AND**
- Whereas:** Comparable universities do not have activities period, allowing them to utilize all university space to best serve the needs of students, both academic and non; **AND**
- Whereas:** The alternatives reviewed included holding undergraduate evening classes, earlier class periods, Saturday classes, and/or reducing in-class time associated with current sequences; all alternatives were determined to be infeasible; **AND**
- Whereas:** Student organization and other campus activities may be affected by such a change and may result with additional meetings and events scheduled during evening hours; **AND**
- Whereas:** Student organizations will still have the opportunity to meet during the day.  
**THEREFORE**

## IT IS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT

The undergraduate student body supports the University proposal to alter the university schedule by eliminating all activities periods; **AND FURTHER THAT**

Before the proposed schedule change is enacted a full review of all spaces be completed to better utilize space for both non-academic and academic use; this review shall address the additional need for, and quality of, available meeting and event space during evening hours, as well as the scheduling process by which students reserve these spaces; **AND FURTHER THAT**

All University policies that currently make exceptions for activities periods be reviewed by a joint committee of students, faculty, and administrators; **AND FURTHER THAT**

The University explore all opportunities to stream and archive important University functions and events, and continue to expand opportunities for student interaction in cases where events must be scheduled during daytime hours; **AND FURTHER THAT**

The Student Government Association be kept informed of any changes to the proposed schedule and/or university policies resulting from such a change; **AND FURTHER THAT**



The Student Government Association requests periodic review of classroom utilization with a joint committee of students, faculty and administrators, in part to see if some form of activities hours be restored.

*Respectfully submitted to the Senate,*

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