

Campus Climate Committee
Features of the Course Scheduling Proposal: A Summary

Objectives for a change in course scheduling

The Campus Climate Committee considers all-campus common meeting times as *essential* to a positive campus climate.

1. Positive benefits associated with the Course Scheduling Proposal:

- Represents the University's commitment to collegial exchange amongst the campus community.
- Offers two common meeting times per week.
- Offers one meeting time per month for mutually shared experiences.
- Stimulates creative programming such as for Student Life, freshman seminars, and general education courses.
- Serves students' academic interests by offering opportunities for them to meet for projects, study groups, and peer tutoring.
- Offers nine additional two-day-a-week class periods.
- Extends all class periods by 5 minutes so that more course content could be covered in each class.
- Allows for study days during the fall semester.
- Changes the semester to 14 weeks in length.
- Puts UW-Green Bay in line with schedules from other UW campuses.

2. Potential negative consequences from implementation of the Course Scheduling Proposal:

- Lab and studio courses may have limited opportunities for nonconflicting meeting times.
- Common meeting times overlap with midday course meeting times.
- Reduction in semester length may require revamping performance schedules.

3. The View from the Campus Climate Committee: The Benefits outweigh the Negatives:

- Time pressures have led many campus groups to find odd-hour meeting times that have led to workload strain and job-related stress.
- Communication has suffered because of a lack of common meeting times.
- The course scheduling proposal, if approved by the Faculty Senate in Spring 2005 will not take effect until Fall, 2007 with time to make adjustments and accommodations to those campus groups most adversely affected.
- Creative changes in courses (e.g., Freshman courses, general education) can be encouraged by an overall change in campus scheduling.
- Common meeting times is *not* a unique concept to university scheduling, and is implemented on many university and college campuses.