

MINUTES

Meeting of the Hunter College Senate

4 November 2020

- 1 The 644th meeting of the Hunter College Senate convened at 3:35 PM via Zoom.
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- 3 **Presiding:** Laura S. Keating, Chair
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- 5 **Attendance:** The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those marked absent in Appendix I.
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7 Alternate Senators were formally seated consistent with the procedures approved by the Senate for in-
8 person meetings, and they were enabled to vote using iClicker.
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- 10 **Agenda** Chair Keating informed the body that the President would not report today. President's time slot was given
11 to Professor Partha Deb and Professor Michael Steiper to answer questions about the Bell Schedule. There
12 were no objections. The agenda was adopted as revised.
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- 15 **Minutes:** The minutes of 19 February and 4 March were approved as distributed.
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- 17 **Report on the**
18 **Bell Schedule** Chair Keating invited Professor Partha Deb, Chair of the Economics Department and FP&B Committee
19 on the Calendar, and Professor Michael Steiper, Associate Provost for Student Success, to address
20 questions about the modified Bell Schedule that were presented to them at the last Senate meeting (see
21 Appendix II for their presentation). Discussion followed.
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- 23 **Report by the**
24 **Administrative**
25 **Committee:** a) **Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**
26 In accordance with Article IV, 2H i & ii of the Charter for a Governance of Hunter
27 College, the Administrative Committee is presenting the names of all nominees
28 received to date:
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30 Faculty: Jeanne Weiler (Educational Foundations)
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32 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee.
33 The motion carried by unanimous consent.
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- 35 **Committee**
36 **Report** **Governance Committee**
37 Chair Keating called on Professor Sarah Chinn, Chair of the Governance Committee, to present revised
38 By-Laws of the Library. By-Laws are available on the Senate website. Questions and debate followed.
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40 The motion to adopt the By-Laws of the Library carried by unanimous consent.
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43 **Nominating Committee**
44 Chair Keating called on Professor Lisa Marie Anderson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present
45 a report.
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47 The Nominating Committee is submitting the following nominations for seats currently vacant on
48 Senate Committees:
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50 1. **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**
51 Social Sciences: Daniel Hurewitz (History)
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57 2. COMMITTEE ON THE CALENDAR

58 Faculty from Social Sciences: Manu Bhagavan (History)
59 Faculty from Education: Jody Polleck (C & T)
60 Faculty Alternate: Ines Miyares (Geography)
61 Student: Tasneem Sultana (Political Science)
62 Student Alternates: Jenny Sitnik (Biology)
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64 3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

65 Faculty: Kathryn Struthers Ahmed (C & T)
66 Student Alternate: Benjamin Amster (Philosophy)
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68 4. MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

69 Student: Rolando Gatilao (Nursing)
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71 5. COMMITTEE ON THE EVALUATION OF TEACHING

72 Student Alternate: Tasneem Sultana (Political Science)
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74 6. CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

75 Faculty from Education: Jennifer Klein (Special Education)
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77 7. COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING & TECHNOLOGY

78 Faculty from Sciences & Mathematics: Felisa Vazquez-Abad (Computer Science)
79 Student: Rolando Gatilao (Nursing)
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81 8. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

82 Faculty from School of Social Work: Gerald Mallon (SSW)
83 Faculty Alternate: Frank Kirkland (Philosophy)
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85 9. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

86 Nursing, Health Professions, Urban Public Health: Steven Baumann (Nursing)
87 Faculty from Arts & Sciences At-Large: Donna Haverty-Stacke (History)
88 Faculty Alternate: Marcus Artigliere (C & T)
89 Students from A&S: Melody Li (Psychology)
90 Student Alternate: Nicole Palmetto (Public Health)
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92 10. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS APPEALS COMMITTEE

93 Student Alternate: Stephany Garces Guerra (Biochemistry)
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96 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees.
97 The motion carried by unanimous consent.
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100 **Committee on the Budget**

101 Chair Keating called on Professor Randall Filer, Chair of the Committee on the Budget to present a report.
102 Professor Filer said the following:
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104 “This will be brief. We know very little since the last report. We had the Budget Committee meet with
105 the Administration last week. We have seen the figures through the end of the first quarter, which would
106 be July, August, September. As a reminder, we were allowed to operate by the University at last year’s
107 budget minus 20%. We exceeded that. The University apparently did not question it. They kept writing
108 the checks. The committee asked how we can spend more than they told us we could spend, and we were
109 told it was because they did not stop us from doing it.
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117 “We anticipate those reductions staying at that level. This means that, if everything continues steady state,
118 we will end the year with a \$20 million overspend of our budget. This is apparently fictitious paper in the
119 sense that the University is not enforcing it, and they continue to write paychecks. Now, I am paranoid
120 and nervous. I keep thinking that at some point somebody is going to say stop. I think the University is
121 planning on income supplements that they will not yet talk about.
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123 “My prediction is that we will get more relief in a new Covid bill sometime in the next month. As I read
124 it, it will contain relief for higher education, less than New York would probably like but significant. I
125 think that is particularly going to be the case, given that it looks like the Senate did not switch, so I suspect
126 we are going to get money there. The rumors in the wind is that the Board will authorize a \$100 tuition
127 increase for the spring but not retroactive to the fall, which again should relax some budget constraints.
128 But basically, the message is, we are still up a creek and need to be very careful.
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130 “Amy said the Chancellor just sent out an email about people under the executive compensation plan
131 taking a five day leave. I have not heard that but I would not be surprised. Sandi will remember that faculty
132 took leaves in the 70s budget crisis. I have not heard any discussion yet of opening the issue with the
133 unions about the faculty taking unpaid leaves, but I would not be surprised if it does come on the table at
134 some point.
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136 “A couple of other issues. One thing that I think is clear, in a sense is that the Administration is very
137 willing to work with the Senate to address our issues as long as it feels that the Senate is a responsible
138 negotiating partner. This means that if the Senate wants to argue that a certain expenditure is essential for
139 pedagogical or other reasons, it is incumbent upon the body to say “and therefore, we would prefer that
140 the cuts come from somewhere else” and identify where we would be willing to absorb the cuts. They
141 would love to hear that from the Senate and from the community because the cuts are going to have to
142 continue to be made.
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144 “We have very little new information. It is clear that we are operating beyond our budget in the hopes that
145 the budget will be relaxed. I am somewhat more comfortable that the budget will be relaxed, but probably
146 not in a way that avoids further cuts in the spring semester.
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148 “I wish I had better news, but I do not. I do have one other point. We had a long discussion at the Budget
149 Committee meeting, and then I had a private discussion with many people in the Administration. I know
150 that there have been rumblings and objections about the use of excellence fees. This may be particularly
151 important because I anticipate that there will be requests for more excellence fees sometime in the next
152 couple of Senate meetings when they go on the agenda. I have been assured that excellence fees are
153 restricted to the use of the department on which they are imposed. However, it seems there is a
154 misunderstanding - restricted to the use of the department does not mean at the sole discretion of the
155 department. It is the Administration's position that the department and the Administration need to
156 negotiate the use of the excellence fees within the criteria for which they are established.
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158 “I think it is absolutely clear and the Administration committed to the policy that excellence fees can only
159 be used for things that would not be paid for in the normal course of the college budget. However, where
160 that is apparently leading to misunderstanding is particularly in a time of significant cuts. The
161 Administration feels that if, in fact, something that had been provided in the past through normal budget
162 (an example might be an adjunct for a particular section) that the department likes, if that activity could
163 not be sustained in the current budget, then it would be an appropriate use by agreement with the
164 department and the Administration to pay for something that used to be paid for out of the college budget,
165 but only in the circumstance when it would not have been able to pay for that out of the college budget in
166 the current year. I hope that clears up some of the issues. I have been asked if anybody has specific
167 situations where you think there has been some misuse or something that was not quite kosher to put it in
168 writing, send it to me and the committee will raise it with the appropriate officials in the Administration.”
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APPENDIX I

The following attendance was noted from the meeting

(A) =Alternate, A=Attended, X=Absent, E=Excused

Faculty					
AFPRL	Anthony Browne	A	Mathematics & Statistics	Bill Williams	A
	Milagros Denis-Rosario	(A) A			0
	Lázaro Lima	(A) A		Robert Thompson	(A) A
Anthropology	Jackie Brown	A		Barry Cherkas	(A) A
	David Hodges	(A) A	Medical Laboratory Sciences	Abigail Morales	X
	Milena Shattuck	(A) A		Chad Euler	(A) X
Art & Art History	Harper Montgomery	X		Muktar Mahajan	(A) X
	Thomas Weaver	X	Music	Jewel Thompson	A
	Emily Braun	(A) X		Michele Cabrini	(A) A
	A. K. Burns	(A) A			(A)
Biological Sciences	Ben Ortiz	A	School of Nursing		0
	Shirley Raps	A		Carolyn Sun	X
	Paul Feinstein	(A) X		Ellen McCabe	A
	Carmen Melendez	(A) X		Ah-Yun (Emily) Yeh	(A) A
Chemistry	Gabriela Smeureanu	A	Philosophy	Laura Keating	A
	Nancy Greenbaum	(A) X		Frank Kirkland	(A) X
	Manashi Chatterjee	(A) X		Omar Dahbour	(A) A
Classical & Oriental Studies	Graham Claytor	A	Physics & Astronomy	Kelle Cruz	A
	Lawrence Kowerski	(A) A		Yuhang Ren	(A) X
	Joanne Spurza	X			
	Doron Friedman	(A) X		Leon Cohen	(A) X
Computer Science	Anita Raja	A	Political Science	John Wallach	A
	Felisa Vazquez-Abad	(A) A		Erin Mayo-Adam	(A) A
		(A)		Michael Lee	(A) X
Curriculum & Teaching	Lacey Peters	A	Psychology	Roseanne Flores	A
	Karen Koellner	X		Jonathon Rendina	A
	Debbie Sonu	(A) A		Darlene Defour	(A) A
	Christine Rosalia	X		Michael Lewis	(A) X
Dance	Kathleen Isaac	A	Physical Therapy	Nicki Silberman	X
	Lori Brungard	(A) X		Thomas Holland	(A) A
		(A)		Milo Lipovac	(A) X
Economics	Randall Filer	A	Romance Languages	Paolo Fasoli	A
	John Quiang Li	X		Magdalena Perkowska	(A) X
	Tim Goodspeed	(A) A		Julie Van Peteghem	(A) A
	Avi Liveson	(A) X	School of Social Work	Samuel Aymer	A
Educational Foundations & Cou	Goeum Na	X		Anna Ortega-Willam	X
	Jeanne Weiler	(A) A		Jonathan Prince	(A) A
	Amanda Crowell	(A) A		Rong Zhao	(A) X
English	Sarah Chinn	A	Sociology	Mark Halling	A
	Amy Robbins	A		Mike Benediktsson	(A) X
	Nijah Cunningham	X		Michaela Soyer	(A) X
	Janet Neary	(A) A	Special Education	Virginia Gryta	A
Film & Media Studies	Tami Gold	E		Kristen Hodnett	(A) X
				William Longsworth	(A) X
	Andrew Demirjian	(A) A	SLPA	Donald Vogel	A
	Larry Shore	(A) A		Nancy Eng	(A) A
Geography	Ines Miyares	A		JungMoon Hyun	(A) A
	Shipeng Sun	(A) X	Theatre	Louisa Thompson	X
	Allan Frei	(A) A			0
German	Elke Nicolai	A		Claudia Orenstein	(A) A
	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius	(A) A	Urban Policy and Planning	Lily Baum Pollans	A
	Lisa Marie Anderson	(A) A		Victoria Johnson	(A) X
History	Eduardo Contreras	A		Matthew Lasner	(A) X
	Manu Bhagavan	(A) X	School of Urban Public Health	Phil Alcabes	A
	Jill Rosenthal	X		Susan Cardenas	(A) X
Library	Sarah Ward	X		Victoria Fischer	(A) A
	Jennifer Newman	A	Women & Gender Studies	Jennifer Gaboury	A
	Mee' Len Hom	(A) A		Catherine Raissiguier	(A) X
		(A)		Rupal Oza	(A) X

Students

Nibras Ahmed	A
Aysheh Barqawi	A
Alexa Michel	A
Leon Sarpong	A
Aamna Arshad	A
Nafeeza Ali	X
Ariana Ahmed	X
Jeanine Hampton	X
Shabraiz Malik	A
Nicole Palmetto	X
Fariha Uddin	A
Ketia Newell	A
Catalina Bedoya	X
Ayesha Qayyum	X
Nowrin Dina	X
Maria-Christina Tsavari	X
Nikisha Ferguson	X
Max Deutsch	X
Laila Gad	X
Elizabeth Bianco	X
Junia Sharmin	X
Hardik Bhaskar	X
Jennifer Calderon	A
Martyna Kulec	X
Afrin Ansary	X
Ariela Radoncic	A
Luisais Taveras	A
Ryan Clinesmith Montalvo	X
Christine Kuang	A
Manahil Jafri	X
Vinh Phan	X
Joelle Tirado	X
Renee Riegler	A
Nicholas Viagas	X
Jasmine Shaikh	X
Johnson Ho	X
Rolando Gatilao	A
Audrey Sargente	A
Tasneem Sultana	X
Jeslyn Mei	A
Nayerra Zahran	A
Erica Aguayza	A
Olenka Ballena	X
Michelle Ma	A
Christopher Lee	X
Eleanor Sardarian	A
Jada Shannon	X
Tabia Ahmed	X
Lila Tabor	X
Fayozjon Jamshidov	A
Haya Alkiswani	X
Monira Hasan	X
Angeli Reynoso	X
Ann Nicole Frimpong	X
Wendy Wu	X
Jahin Samiha	X
Secura Morgan	X

At-Large, Lecturers and Part-Time Faculty

Student Services	Kevin Nesbitt	A
	Luis Roldan	(A) X
Library	Jocelyn Berger-Barera	A
Library	Tony Doyle	A
Psychology	Stefan Schlusman	A
Economics	Kevin Sachs	A
Medical Lab Science	Hongxing Li	A
Religion	Barbara Sproul	A
THHP	Jerry Press	X
Mathematics & Statistics	Sandra Clarkson	A
Special Education	Gina Riley	A
Social Work	James Mandiberg	A
THHP	Sarah Jeninsky	A
Art and Art History	P. Dudek	X

Ex-Officio

President, USG	Kamalpreet Kaur	X
Vice President, GSA	Kamalpreet Kaur	X
President Alumni Association	Barbara Poseluzny	X
President, HEO Forum	Denise Lucena-Jerez	A
President, CLT Council	Amy Jeu	A

ADMINISTRATION

Senators:		
HEO/CLA Representative	Brian Buckwald	A
Vice President for Student Affairs	Eija Ayravainen	A
Provost	Valeda Dent	X
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Lon Kaufman	X
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences	Andrew Polsky	A
Alternate Senators (3):		
Dean of Education	Michael Middleton	A
General Counsel & Dean of Faculty	Suzanne Piper	X
School of Nursing	Gail McCain	A

APPENDIX II

Bell Schedule Data Analysis

Setting of analysis

- Includes only classes that use rooms
- On the 68th street campus (HE, HN, HW, TH) and Roosevelt House
- Excludes labs

Fall 2019

Implications of the schedule in Fall 2019

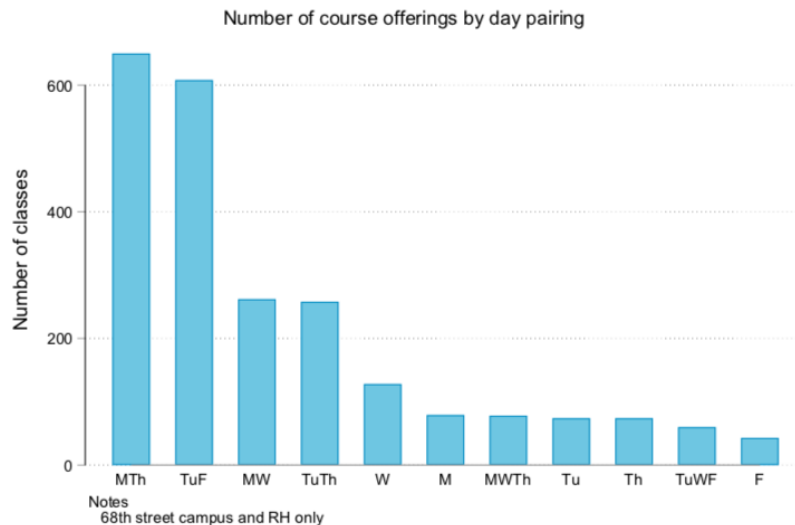
Room usage by day and time

- During peak times, rooms are used over 90% of the time.

	MON	TU	WED	TH	FRI
7:20 AM	6.7%	5.3%	0.0%	6.7%	5.3%
8:20 AM	72.0%	58.7%	21.3%	72.0%	60.0%
9:20 AM	78.7%	66.7%	42.7%	76.0%	65.3%
10:20 AM	96.0%	96.0%	76.0%	93.3%	96.0%
11:20 AM	93.3%	98.7%	82.7%	93.3%	98.7%
12:20 PM	97.3%	94.7%	62.7%	94.7%	94.7%
1:20 PM	97.3%	98.7%	4.0%	97.3%	98.7%
2:20 PM	97.3%	94.7%	4.0%	97.3%	93.3%
3:20 PM	96.0%	93.3%	21.3%	96.0%	86.7%
4:20 PM	86.7%	89.3%	62.7%	73.3%	56.0%
5:20 PM	82.7%	45.3%	64.0%	72.0%	10.7%
6:20 PM	90.7%	98.7%	94.7%	98.7%	22.7%
7:20 PM	85.3%	90.7%	85.3%	85.3%	17.3%
8:20 PM	21.3%	16.0%	21.3%	8.0%	13.3%
9:20 PM	50.7%	42.7%	52.0%	36.0%	0.0%
10:20 PM	14.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Courses offered by day pairing

- Monday-Thursday and Tuesday-Friday course pairings are the most, and equally popular, pairings.



Enrollment by day and time

- There is no substantive difference in student preference for day of week or time of day; whenever classes are offered, they fill.

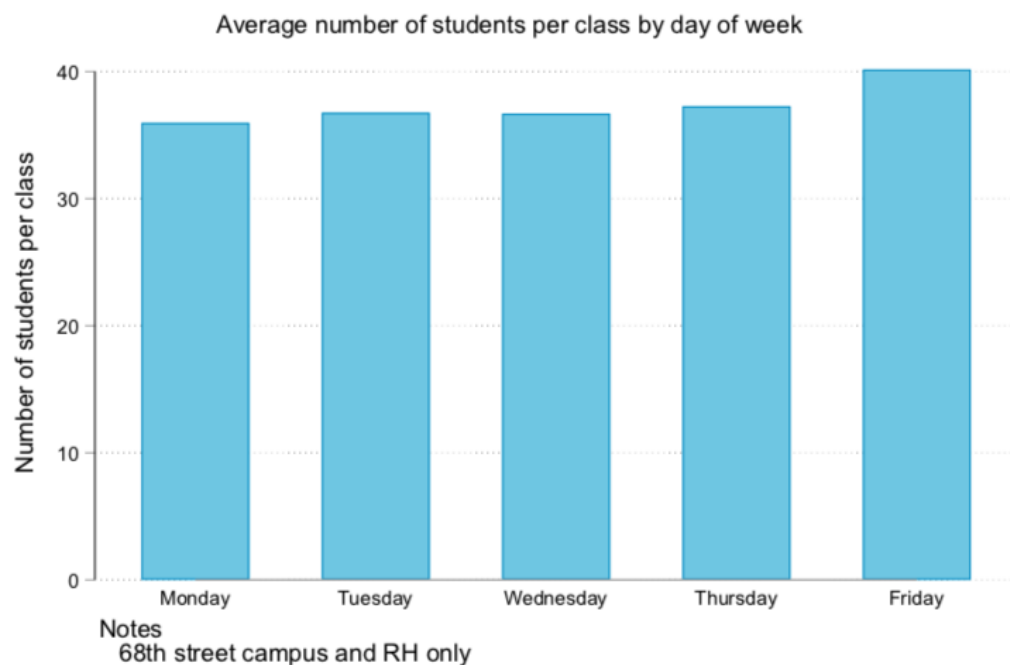
	MON	TU	WED	TH	FRI
7:20 AM	101.2%	94.8%	0.0%	101.2%	94.8%
8:20 AM	94.2%	91.8%	89.0%	93.8%	90.9%
9:20 AM	94.7%	90.3%	95.3%	94.8%	90.2%
10:20 AM	90.8%	93.1%	86.7%	90.7%	93.1%
11:20 AM	94.5%	96.9%	82.7%	94.2%	96.8%
12:20 PM	95.0%	96.6%	81.5%	94.8%	96.4%
1:20 PM	94.5%	90.7%	79.1%	92.7%	90.6%
2:20 PM	94.1%	88.0%	79.4%	92.7%	87.9%
3:20 PM	97.5%	90.3%	94.4%	97.4%	87.4%
4:20 PM	89.7%	90.9%	87.8%	95.3%	84.3%
5:20 PM	83.0%	95.9%	82.9%	93.2%	85.1%
6:20 PM	80.6%	87.5%	79.9%	85.8%	71.4%
7:20 PM	85.6%	80.2%	78.8%	80.5%	70.6%
8:20 PM	83.5%	88.1%	62.7%	100.6%	73.8%
9:20 PM	83.2%	85.9%	83.5%	88.3%	0.0%
10:20 PM	89.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Proposed schedule

Implications of the new schedule

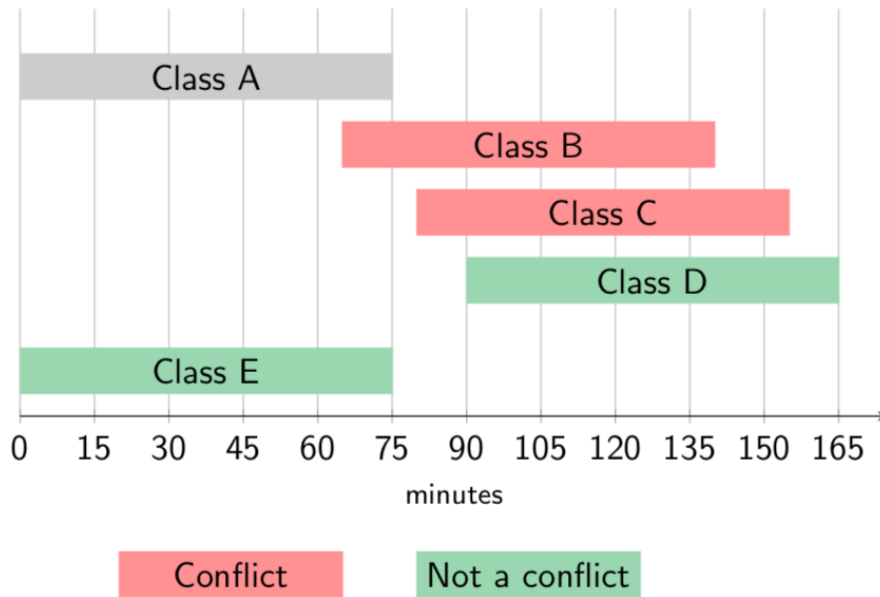
Students on campus per class and day

- There is no substantive difference in student preference for day of week; the number of students per class does not vary much.



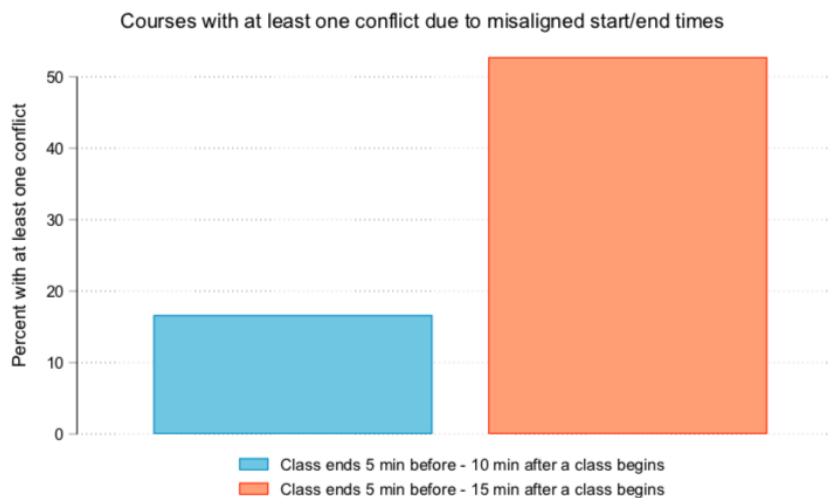
Class conflicts

- The current schedule creates many avoidable course conflicts.



Eliminate avoidable class conflict

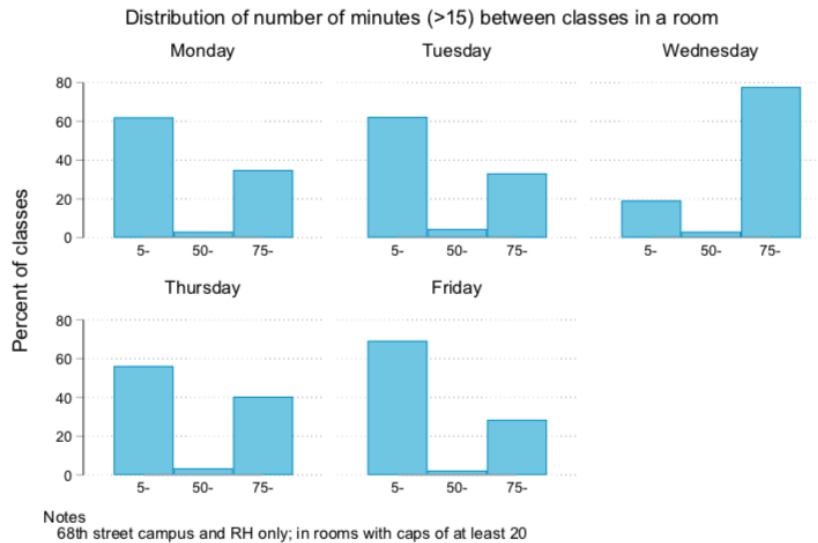
- Among 3 credit 100 and 200 level classes, the conflicts shown below would be eliminated with the new schedule.



Notes
 68th street campus and RH only

Time between classes in a room

- Idle time in the current schedule is too fragmented to be useful (less than 50 minutes in length), except on Wednesday.



Reclaim idle time

- Idle time is reclaimed in the new schedule allowing for one additional class per room per day.

