

Resolution

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Resolution In Support of Implementing the Syracuse Model at UW-Green Bay

WHEREAS, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay Student Government Association and University of Wisconsin – Green Bay Administration solicited feedback on various academic issues, including adopting the Syracuse Model, from students and faculty/staff via the “Academic Issues” survey and the “Class Scheduling” survey; and

WHEREAS, 57% of the over 1200 students that completed the “Academic Issues” survey were in favor of the Syracuse Model; and

WHEREAS, 73% of the 152 faculty and staff that completed the “Class Scheduling” survey were in favor of the Syracuse Model; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs Committee voted 3-0-1 in favor of implementing the Syracuse Model; and

WHEREAS, in the Syracuse Model Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes are offered in 55 minute periods in contrast to the 50 minute period that are currently used; and

WHEREAS, in the Syracuse Model the number of three-day-week time slots is the same as the current schedule used if a 55-minute time slot on Monday-Wednesday-Friday at 2:15 is included; and

WHEREAS, in the Syracuse Model classes that meet two days a week meet for 80 minutes instead of the 75-minute periods; and

WHEREAS, if the late afternoon/evening slots available in the Syracuse Model (5:15 – 6:35 MW and 5:00 – 6:20 TR) were used, 16 two-day-a week time slots would be available for scheduling; and

WHEREAS, the current schedule has 18 two-day-a-week time slots; and

WHEREAS, as a result of using class periods that are five minutes longer than the current schedule, the semester in the Syracuse Model lasts for fourteen weeks of instruction instead of fifteen-weeks of instruction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay Student Government Association support the implementation of the Syracuse Model; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the leadership of the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay Student Government Association forward the resolution to Chancellor Bruce Shepard and other governance bodies so that it can be considered for implementation at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay.