

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Eakin

The Faculty Senate Budget Committee has continued the development of a university-wide survey to explore the possibility of alternative scheduling for classes. Since our last meeting in Senate we have received an unsolicited summary document from Dr Rob Christensen [Department of Curriculum and Instruction]. I think you will see for yourself why this is so extraordinary. Rob did his undergraduate degree at California State University San Marcos using a form of the alternative scheduling we are exploring. The Committee believes that his summary report will help all of us in Senate to jump-start discussions with and among our departmental constituents. Please note that Rob has several possible scenarios with similar permutations - some starting at 7:00 a.m., some at 7:30 a.m. and others at the traditional 8:00 a.m. I hope you will join with me and the Budget committee in expressing sincere appreciation to Dr. Christensen for this excellent work.

One facet not covered in his textual summary was Dr Yoder's concern about the length of time between class sessions. I think we all feel that the amount of time for assimilation of material be as evenly distributed as possible. So there is the possibility of a MR-TF schedule that would even the time out between class sessions [as opposed to MF-TR or even MW-TR]. From my personal view, the great demand by students to get all their classes on TR [part of what has caused our parking problems] is a clear indicator that the four-day week is not only feasible - but an improvement.