This message is sent on behalf of Jeremy Haefner, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Colleagues,

After careful discussion and consideration that included thorough vetting with the Academic Senate, the President has decided to implement the course scheduling pattern (‘Model A’; see “Schedule Models ABC” under the Key Focus Areas tab in the Provost website) that includes 50-minute classes MWF from 8 am to 5 pm, 75-minute classes TR from 8 am to 5 pm, and 75-minute classes MW, TR from 5 pm to 9:30 pm.

To facilitate both the construction of RIT’s first schedule of semester courses, and to help manage our university-wide schedule of courses going forward, I have asked the Council of Scheduling Officers, chaired by the Registrar, to define scheduling guidelines and parameters.

While labs, studios and other similar academic activities will be accommodated within the scheduling model, deans will be able to submit requests for exceptions to the model to the Council of Scheduling Officers, which has the final authority on this matter. Please look for additional information in the coming weeks.

I want to thank all the faculty, staff and students who participated in a very thoughtful debate on the various models of class scheduling patterns. In the end, the guiding principle of providing the best possible educational experience for our students was pervasive in the discussion.

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