

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

S.80-44

To..... SENATE

From..... G. T. McNABB

Subject..... THURSDAY TIME BLOCK - NOTICE OF
MOTION - FOR DISCUSSION

Date..... APRIL 1, 1980

MOTION: "That the Senate of Simon Fraser University urge the Administration of Simon Fraser University to return to the past practice of reserving a block of time on Thursdays to allow students to participate in cultural, recreational, athletic, and student union activities."

WHEREAS: One of the functions of any University is to create a well rounded individual, and

WHEREAS: One of the **major** differences between Simon Fraser University and most other Universities is the involvement of students in its **direction**, and

WHEREAS: It has been past practice that a block of time was set aside during the week to allow students to participate in cultural, recreational, athletic, and student union activities, and

WHEREAS: This practice has been stopped, and

WHEREAS: The stopping of this practice has made it more difficult for the students of Simon Fraser University to take a full and active part in the affairs of this University, and

WHEREAS: The Senate of Simon Fraser University feels that an active and constructive part in the affairs of the University can be played by the students of Simon Fraser University, and

WHEREAS: This participation, by the students, can only increase the uniqueness of Simon Fraser University and hence its attractiveness to new students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Senate of Simon Fraser University urges the Administration of Simon Fraser University to return to the past practice of reserving a block of time on Thursdays to allow students to participate in cultural, recreational, athletic, and student union activities.

MOVED

J. D. Craft

SECONDED

Bernard Holweg

Richard Enns

Jim Hanson

M. Shields

M. Langer

Ken Wilson

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From REGISTRAR

Subject THURSDAY TIME BLOCK
PAPER S.80-45

Date MARCH 27, 1980

As there are errors in fact, or in implication, or both, in the above-mentioned document some clarification needs be made for the information of Senate.

- (i) At no time, to our knowledge, has there been a specific block of time free of all other University scheduled activities as suggested under paragraph 3 of the document. Many years ago there was understanding that, to the degree possible, the scheduling of classroom instruction or other activities by the Registrar's Office would be kept to a minimum for two hours on Tuesday and Thursday over the noon hour. Experience with attempts to do this quickly indicated that a reduction of scheduling could be made appropriately only with one day, and Thursday was selected.

For many years efforts have been made to keep formal scheduling of classes at the undergraduate level to a reasonable minimum over a two hour block over noon on Thursday, - 11:30 - 12:30, 12:30 - 1:30.

Recent activity suggests that there is some misunderstanding of the time as being 12:30 - 1:30, 1:30 - 2:30. The time always has been 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., with greatest effectiveness between 12:30 - 1:30.

- (ii) From the outset of the suggestion for reduced scheduling it was clear that some instructional activities would be significantly impacted if decision were made to apply rigidly a ban on any instruction of any type at the undergraduate level for two hours on any one of the five instructional days - theoretically 2/45 or approximately 4 1/2% of the available time 8:30 a.m. Monday to 5:30 p.m. Friday, and at a prime time period.

More important, the nature of the use of time had to be examined including science open and other laboratories, language laboratories, and similar components.

At no time has there been a time period void of scheduled activities.

- (iii) In recent years there has been increased pressure on space available to this office for scheduling purposes. At present we are conducting an extensive space use study in an attempt to identify space for the semester Fall 80-3. Any movement to reduce further scheduling over two hours on Thursdays at noon can serve only to aggravate scheduling problems which already are not insignificant.
- (iv) Because of increased enrollments and demands, the numbers of students in activities scheduled by the Registrar's Office over two hours at Thursday noon has increased and is likely to increase until additional space through the new TLX building is available, likely for Spring 81-1. Nevertheless the numbers are relatively small.

March 27, 1980.

The data following pertains to space scheduled by this office at the undergraduate level, some other space, but not to all scheduled space or activities. Data is not yet available for Spring 80-1, but it provides data for Fall 78-3, Spring 79-1, Fall 79-3 as provided by the Office of Analytical Studies and in part by this office, with enrollments as at the end of the third week of classes.

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Howard Sapers, President
Student Society

J.M. Munro
Vice-President, Academic

Thursday Free Time Period

October 9, 1979

I am attaching a copy of a memorandum to the Registrar concerning recent discussion of the problem of Thursday free time scheduling. During the summer semester representatives of the Student Society approached the Administration with a request that our present policies in this area be re-examined. As you can see, we feel that the present policies are giving the maximum possible release that is consistent with avoiding students scheduling problems and maximizing the efficient use of classroom space.

You might be interested to know that during the 78-3 semester, only 346 students had classes scheduled at 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays and only 250* at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The only periods of the week with lower numbers of scheduled classes were the late hours on Friday afternoons and Friday evenings, when no classes are presently scheduled. The maximum number of students with scheduled classes in any period of the week was 2,370 Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. As you can see, the use of guidelines has worked to bring a significant and, we believe, adequate reduction of students who are not free to attend Student Society functions because of classes being scheduled at noon on Thursday.

J.M. Munro

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* Including Departmental-controlled space increases these numbers to 441 and 308.

cc: Hank Benoit, Student Society
Harry Evans
G. Pedersen
Dan Birch

REGISTRAR'S NOTE: Comparable data to the above for Fall Semester 79-3 -
11:30 a.m. Thursday 447 students; 12:30 p.m. Thursday 312 students
Maximum students in any period was 2,457 Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

H. Evans
Registrar

J.M. Munro

Thursday Free Time Period

October 9, 1979

This follows from the discussion at the October 3rd meeting of Executive Council concerning the scheduling of a free time period on Thursday to permit Student Society activities to be scheduled so that they do not conflict with large numbers of classes. I would like to continue the practice of strongly discouraging the scheduling of classes between 12:30 and 1:30 on Thursdays and would like to suggest that, where possible, classes should not be scheduled between 11:30 and 12:30, either. This will be a continuation of the previous practice, and it is my view that any attempt to make the restrictions on course scheduling would greatly increase the number of scheduling conflicts faced by students as well as aggravating the serious space problems encountered by departments during much of the week.

J.M. Munro

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cc: K.G. Pedersen, Chairman
B. Beirne
D. Birch
J. Blaney
R. Brown
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J. Webster

DISTRIBUTION OF ALL SCHEDULED UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES AT S.F.U.: 1979-80
(Lectures, Seminars, Tutorials, Laboratories, Etc.)

ARTS

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	27	27	35	32	26
9:30	44	49	58	52	48
10:30	47	44	60	41	50
11:30	57	52	63	24	53
12:30	54	42	59	16	37
1:30	58	57	64	60	35
2:30	56	54	57	53	17
3:30	55	58	58	53	5
4:30	17	25	20	26	1

SCIENCE

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
17	17	17	13	11	11
23	23	34	20	22	18
24	24	31	19	26	15
13	13	24	15	10	11
8	8	12	9	6	7
17	17	23	19	19	9
12	12	24	17	21	6
12	12	14	11	12	6
6	6	9	6	11	3

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
6	6	7	7	6	2
12	12	6	7	12	13
13	13	8	13	11	13
15	15	9	11	2	8
19	19	19	14	2	10
20	20	15	11	11	7
23	23	18	18	13	4
15	15	12	14	13	4
8	8	13	9	9	1

EDUCATION

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
0	0	0	0	2	0
1	1	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	4	3	1	2
1	1	0	3	1	0
2	2	1	2	4	0
0	0	0	2	0	0
6	6	3	2	1	0

ALL FACULTIES, ALL SESSIONS

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
50	50	51	55	51	39
80	80	89	86	87	80
84	84	84	92	79	79
85	85	85	89	37	72
81	81	77	85	25	56
96	96	95	97	91	51
93	93	97	94	91	27
82	82	84	85	78	15
37	37	50	37	47	5

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DISTRIBUTION OF SCHEDULED LECTURES AT S.P.U.: 1979-3

ARTS

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	3	3	4	2	0
9:30	8	20	14	12	6
10:30	8	14	11	6	7
11:30	16	12	16	1	6
12:30	16	5	13	1	3
1:30	15	17	12	17	3
2:30	15	15	11	14	0
3:30	14	11	5	7	0
4:30	4	2	1	1	0

SCIENCE

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	11	3	11	5	11
9:30	16	7	16	7	16
10:30	16	8	15	8	14
11:30	10	6	11	4	10
12:30	7	1	6	1	7
1:30	6	1	6	2	4
2:30	1	1	2	1	1
3:30	3	0	2	0	2
4:30	0	0	0	0	0

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	4	2	4	5	2
9:30	3	4	3	5	3
10:30	5	4	5	4	2
11:30	4	5	4	0	1
12:30	8	7	8	0	5
1:30	6	6	5	4	3
2:30	5	8	5	5	2
3:30	6	3	6	4	3
4:30	0	1	0	0	0

EDUCATION

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	0	0	0	0	0
9:30	0	0	0	0	0
10:30	0	1	0	1	0
11:30	0	0	0	0	0
12:30	0	0	1	0	0
1:30	1	0	1	0	0
2:30	2	1	1	1	0
3:30	0	0	0	0	0
4:30	4	3	2	1	0

UNIVERSITY

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	18	8	19	12	13
9:30	27	31	33	24	25
10:30	29	27	31	19	23
11:30	30	23	31	5	17
12:30	31	13	28	2	15
1:30	28	24	24	23	10
2:30	23	25	19	21	3
3:30	23	14	13	11	5
4:30	8	6	3	2	0

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHEDULED SEMINARS AT S.F.U.: 1979-3

ARTS

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	3	2	6	6	2
9:30	8	6	9	8	5
10:30	12	7	10	8	7
11:30	10	7	11	4	9
12:30	9	7	11	5	9
1:30	12	9	13	11	8
2:30	11	13	15	13	4
3:30	9	13	14	14	0
4:30	3	4	7	5	0

SCIENCE

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	0	0	0	0	0
9:30	0	0	0	0	0
10:30	0	0	0	0	0
11:30	0	0	0	0	0
12:30	0	0	0	0	0
1:30	0	1	1	1	0
2:30	0	0	0	0	0
3:30	0	0	0	0	0
4:30	0	0	0	0	0

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	1	1	1	1	0
9:30	1	1	1	2	3
10:30	2	3	1	0	3
11:30	3	2	1	1	4
12:30	2	3	0	2	0
1:30	2	3	1	3	0
2:30	3	3	4	2	0
3:30	2	2	3	2	0
4:30	1	1	2	1	0

EDUCATION

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	0	0	0	0	0
9:30	0	0	0	0	0
10:30	0	0	0	0	0
11:30	0	0	0	0	0
12:30	0	0	0	0	0
1:30	0	0	0	1	0
2:30	0	0	1	1	0
3:30	0	0	1	0	0
4:30	0	0	0	0	0

UNIVERSITY

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	4	3	7	7	2
9:30	9	7	10	10	8
10:30	14	10	11	8	10
11:30	13	9	12	5	13
12:30	11	10	11	7	9
1:30	14	13	15	16	8
2:30	14	16	20	16	4
3:30	11	15	18	16	0
4:30	4	5	9	6	0

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DISTRIBUTION OF SCHEDULED TUTORIALS AT S.Y.U.: 1979-3

ARTS

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
8:30	17	15	19	19	19
9:30	23	16	29	27	31
10:30	20	16	32	22	20
11:30	24	27	28	14	31
12:30	23	25	29	5	20
1:30	24	26	32	27	19
2:30	26	20	25	21	10
3:30	29	27	33	27	3
4:30	10	16	12	15	0

SCIENCE

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
6	6	14	2	6	0
7	7	27	4	15	2
8	8	23	4	18	1
3	3	18	4	6	1
0	0	10	2	5	0
1	1	8	3	5	1
1	1	10	6	9	1
0	0	3	1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

	MON.	THURS.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
1	1	4	2	0	0
6	6	0	0	3	6
4	4	0	4	5	7
7	7	2	5	1	2
8	8	9	5	0	4
9	9	4	2	3	2
13	13	3	5	4	1
7	7	4	3	6	1
7	7	10	7	7	1

EDUCATION

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
0	0	0	0	2	0
1	1	0	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	4	2	1	2
0	0	0	2	0	0
0	0	0	0	2	0
0	0	0	1	0	0
2	2	0	0	0	0

UNIVERSITY

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
24	24	33	23	27	19
37	37	43	34	46	40
32	32	39	40	45	38
34	34	47	37	22	34
31	31	48	38	<u>11</u>	26
34	34	38	39	35	22
40	40	33	36	36	12
36	36	34	38	34	4
19	19	26	19	22	1

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TABLE I

**CLASSROOM UTILIZATION
(EXCLUDING DEPT. CONTROLLED SPACE)
(% ROOMS USED) # ROOMS USED (% UTILIZATION*)**

<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>11:30 - 12:20</u>		<u>12:30 - 13:20</u>	
	<u>79-1</u>	<u>78-3</u>	<u>79-1</u>	<u>78-3</u>
> 150	0	0	0	0
50 - 150	(23) 3 (9)	(30) 4 (6)	0	(7) 1 (2)
24 - 49	(21) 7 (27)	(22) 7 (14)	(15) 5 (20)	(25) 8 (13)
17 - 23	(50) 12 (44)	(26) 5 (20)	(100) 25 (42)	(26) 5 (15)
≤ 16	(50) 5 (37)	(28) 4 (28)	(20) 2 (12)	(25) 3 (26)
<u>TOTALS</u>	(34) 27 (14)	(25) 20 (9)	(41) 32 (9)	(21) 17 (6)

* Based on 3rd week enrolments

TABLE II

**# CLASSES/HOUR - TOTAL ENROLMENT*/HOUR
(INCLUDING DEPT. CONTROLLED SPACE)**

	<u>78-3</u>		<u>79-1</u>	
<u>FACULTY</u>	<u>11:30 - 12:20</u>	<u>12:30 - 13:20</u>	<u>11:30 - 12:20</u>	<u>12:30 - 13:20</u>
ARTS	16 - 237	9 - 140	30 - 478	17 - 290
EDUC	- -	- -	- -	- -
INTER	4 - 71	5 - 51	6 - 106	4 - 58
SCIENCE	7 - 133	7 - 117	11 - 167	13 - 162
<u>TOTALS</u>	27 - 441	21 - 308	47 - 751	34 - 510

* Based on 3rd week enrolments