



CHPS, The College of Health Professions and Sciences Fall 2023 Dean Meeting

Reintroduction

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- Pranav Nadella
- Ishaan Patel
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Open Floor for the Dean

- 5th year, young college, meaning a lot of structural and fundamental things this college doesn't have
 - Time consuming to create foundational framework
 - Like bylaws and work load guidelines that are crucial to the college but not yet established
 - Input is helpful so we know where we can build foundational framework
 - How can we do better?
- Working on office hour policy

Initiatives

- Availability for Health Sciences Core Classes
 - Late night courses that conflict with RSOs
 - Many classes have long waitlists, because of few in person classes
 - For example, Preventative Healthcare
 - **Assistant Dean Response: To pre-mature for class schedule to be solidified during spring semester. You will see more courses available in late October. Almost sure that there will be more sections offered during late October.**
 - **Senator Humayun: Classes are added late, which makes it hard.**
 - **Assistant Dean Response: That's a great point.**
 - **Senator Cimillo: I have a lot going on, so getting my class schedule as soon as possible is nice. I only have one class in person right now, due to availability. Online option is not always the best, but students are being forced because they wait for classes to open. Hard to play the waiting game. When is the appropriate time to register?**
 - **Assistant Dean Response: Do you want more face to face options?**
 - **Senator Humayun: Yes.**



- Senior Associate Dean Response: Is that an accurate representation of the student body?
- Senator Humayun: Yes.
- Senator Cimillo: Especially for the harder courses.
- Assistant Dean Response: Are these our courses, or College of Biomedical Sciences?
- Senator Cimillo: Some are. Availability very early, but brain is not awake in the morning, so online seems to be the only feasible option. Prefers classes during the day.
- Senior Associate Dean Response: Nothing is your fault; we need to hear this. I don't teach. Don't feel bad and say I know professors can't teach at certain times.
- Assistant Dean Response: Can we learn more about preferences regarding class availability? Like Fridays?
- Senator Cimillo: Yes! I would rather do it on a Friday, compared to waking up early.
- Assistant Dean Response: What about weekend?
- Senator Cimillo: Probably not.
- Senator Humayun: Would rather a later course than earlier.
- Senator Patel: Attendance is affected by class times. No one wants to wake up early for class.
- Senior Associate Dean Response: We don't have control over classes that are not in our college.
- Senator Cimillo: That was just an example, there are lack of course availability within the college.
- Senator Humayun: And because these courses are mandatory for health science, can you talk to the College of Biomedical Sciences
- Assistant Dean Response: We can talk. Based on faculty. We can't tell them what to do.
- Senator Cimillo: It's not even anatomy, I think just increasing availability for courses and specifically later in the day (not having super early and late courses) would serve as a great benefit. Labs are at extreme times, so increasing availability of mid-day labs would be beneficial. I know professors have a life, but maybe communicating this desire of students for more mid-day times would be beneficial, because extracurriculars are extremely important.
- Assistant Dean Response: What's your thought about 1 three-hour course once a week?
- Senator Nadella: I would do that.
- Senator Patel: I think what would help with the problem of zoning out would be a 10-minute break.
- Senator Cimillo: Even a interactive part of the course brings students in and keeps attention. Coming into college makes it harder to meet peers, but interactive parts of courses helps with that.
- Assistant Dean Response: Would having all of the work in one sitting be beneficial?
- Senator Humayun: I think it would help.
- Senator Brown: I disagree with having 3 hour courses. My favorite have been hybrid courses. An online person. Not having to come constantly is helpful.



- Senior Associate Dean Response: The university went through a space allocation study which identified that classes are not scheduled efficiently. HESI score rated UCF in the 15th percentile compared to other universities in terms of her courses are scheduled in 2018. In response started a task force, which I am on and am trying to schedule courses more efficiently, by having blocks from 7:30-10:20, 10:30-1:20, etc. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (are shifted by day), classes have been scheduled on Monday and Wednesday taking the classroom off the books for Friday too.
- Senator Cimillo: Is there a student in the seat and being responsive?
- Senior Associate Dean Response: There's a student but not very responsive.
- Senator Cimillo: Can we get more students on the task force?
- Senior Associate Dean Response: What can I put on a survey to fix class scheduling?
- Senator Cimillo: I would love to help and sit on the task force!
- Senior Associate Dean Response: Come!
- Assistant Dean Response: Most of our transfer students want flexibility, while first year students want to be on campus and engage. CHPS is about half and half so survey will be split with responses. No matter what we do will displease some.
- Senior Associate Dean Response: Wants to present data.
- Senator Cimillo: Survey questions can't be broad.
- Senior Associate Dean Response: Questions have to address the entire student body, not just you. Let's tell everyone what's behind the curtains with the zones, AdAstra software (not using all of the functions that may be beneficial), and everything we have, and ask now what. Professor presences make it harder, slowly trying to break the news that professor preference won't be super weighted, but hard because don't want to be factious. There has to be a give and take. The kickback is faculty needs and retention, but no good answer to that. Has to strike a balance with faculty so both needs are met. Students should be first priority. Would not be here without students. In order to get student priority at one, must hear from students. Need to offer many options, because there are many needs because of many different students. I would really like if you showed up at the task force!
- ELA Richmond: When is it?
- Senior Associate Dean Response: October 24th at 11am.
- Senator Cimillo: We need an alternative to email, because many don't check. Instagram is terrible, no info, just shoutouts students. Post survey and opportunities on Instagram. Make a TikTok.
- Assistant Dean Response: Will be using social media more!
- Senator Nadella: LinkedIn and Instagram posting same things, so promote opportunities on Instagram and shoutouts on LinkedIn.
- Dean Response: We have started promoting on Instagram.
- Senator Humayun: Can we do survey similar to MyUCF that is mandatory.
- Senior Associate Dean Response: What incentives can we give?
- Senator Humayun: Maybe extra credit (maybe a second step).
- Senator Cimillo: I don't know if professors would advocate for it.



- Senator Humayun: Some would.
- Senator Nadella: Maybe a raffle with a \$15 gift card.
- Senior Associate Dean Response: Extra credit was shut down.
- Senator Cimillo: Maybe just provide it to professors and ask them to spread it. Because students are checking their announcements from professors. A lot of students have this issue, so if students receive this, they will fill it out. Instagram would also be great.
- Senior Associate Dean Response: We need an incentive and for it to be quick. Tricky to make a specific survey quick. Maybe we make a series of surveys.
- Assistant Dean Response: A good way is to ask which mode and times would change schedule. We control things within college.
- Senator Cimillo: Majority wins, although answers will be diverse. Sounds like it can be 4 questions: time?, mode?, day?, and hours?. All broke college students, students will fill it out for a gift card.
- Senator Nadella: Extra credit would be better.
- Senator Yalamanchili: I think about odds, so I don't know if raffle would help.
- Senator Cimillo: I think raffle should be an option. If extra credit is an option is great, but may not. Both should be implemented.
- Senator Humayun: Last semester orgo teacher had someone come in speak about orgo and then have a quiz and professor would not disclose if it was a grade, and that would work. Many CHPS students are pre-med, so we know what they will be taking so a member of the task force could go in and pass out the survey, asking about times and modality.
- Senator Patel: Implement is financial aid quiz.
- Senior Associate Dean Response: That came up.
- Promote Cultural Competence on Campus
 - CHPS initiative
 - Elective within CHPS that promotes cultural competence
 - Possible program through study abroad
 - Implement a training for health center to understand the differences in medical practices around the world
 - Senior Associate Dean Response: Health Center is not in our perview. At some universities it is. Falls under college of medicine.
 - Assistant Dean Response: 2 initiative - abroad and a program that strive to increase cultural competence. Exist at college level. Been in progress since 2021.
 - Senior Associate Dean Response: Comes down to advertising. We need to publicize. Just now redoing strategic plan of the college that will begin next fall. Cultural competence in health should be an interprofessional opportunity. IEP requirements for accredited medicine programs. Could be a program incorporated in strategic plan. Have to be competent!
 - Assistant Dean Response: We are increasing communications. Please serve on student advisory council.



- Increase Advertisement of Opportunities
 - Create a WebCourse for all opportunities pertaining to the CHPS
 - A WebCourse like CARES would be beneficial
 - Emails get convoluted
 - Establishing a CHPS Research Cluster House
 - Follow up on Research Match Week
 - Increase advertisement of internship for credit
 - Assistant Dean Response: We discussed this a long time ago, doing it for freshmen. Students say we get a lot of notifications, so won't check those notifications.
 - Senator Cimillo: Can CHPS post things on calendar. Clicking Canvas over Email.
 - Senator Brown: I read what my professor posts, but I don't know if I would check this.
- Deans Speak at Open Forum Once a Semester
 - To provide an update to Senate on the initiatives
 - Senior Associate Dean Response: Zero problem doing that. Happy to do that. How open would you be for 1 of the associate deans speaking?
 - ELA Richmond: That works! Will send a follow up email to schedule a day in November.
 - Senior Associate Dean Response: Reach out to joel.cramer@ucf.edu.