

A Brief History of the Common Hour from 2004

In December 2004 two resolutions were introduced (R-04-12-08 and R -04-12-09). Both addressed the formation of a common hour. There was a fair amount of Discussion. That was the one senate meeting I have missed, so I cannot report, however see the [December 2004](#) minutes, pages 16-27. There one can see R-04-12-09 was passed. The other was supposed to be returned to in February, then March, then April when it finally got lost. It happens.

In November 2007, after nothing appearing to happen, Bill Joel brought a proposal to the Senate. A committee was formed with Bill Joel, Duane Moser, and Terrence Dwyer as members. See the [November 2007](#) minutes, pages 1-6.

Early this year instructions to not schedule at noon appeared.

I would speculate, that faced with R-04-12-09, which expresses Senate support, the University President moved forward. It is true R-04-12-09 is contingent on R-04-12-08, however had the Senate a burning issue to add, it could have acted. It chose not to. So it appears that we are now living with choices made some time ago. Nonetheless, we can still survey the crisis.

R-04-12-09: THE SENATE SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF A COMMON TIME FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING STUDENTS AND FACULTY A COMMON AND OPEN TIME TO MEET, SUBJECT TO SENATE ACTION ON THE POSTPONED RESOLUTION (R-04-12-08). Passed with two opposed.

R-04-12-08: THE SENATE ACCEPTS THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE A COMMON HOUR TO BE SET ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY FROM 3:00 TO 4:00 P.M., FOR BOTH CAMPUSES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING STUDENTS AND FACULTY A COMMON AND OPEN TIME TO MEET. Postponed until February 2005.

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