

ATHLETIC CLASS SCHEDULING:

Council of Deans
Minutes of the Meeting of March 17, 1999

1. Professors Virginia Shingleton and Bruce Berner joined the Council on behalf of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee to request consideration of a policy which asks departments to avoid scheduling single section courses, especially those required for the major, between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Academics always have priority over athletics, and sometimes such scheduling may be necessary. However, given the number of courses offered in that time slot, it may be that departments are being inattentive to this policy.

In the ensuing discussion the following issues were raised:

- a. Sometimes scheduling is constrained by classroom availability.
- b. It is not possible to schedule labs in the morning, because the lecture usually must occupy that place. Lecture classes must precede labs.
- c. Classes designated for seniors also must be made available to juniors.
- d. Adjuncts teaching these courses are often available only at the end of the day.
- e. Athletics should consider beginning practices later in the day. The University cannot shut down at 3:00 p.m.

In conclusion: The deans pledge to be helpful in this matter. They will work with their colleges to avoid such conflicts wherever possible.