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The University of Southern Mississippi
Faculty Senate



September 8, 2006

To: Dr. Jay Grimes, Provost

As the duly elected representatives of the USM faculty, we would like to express our deep concern over the ongoing issues of classroom assignments currently affecting academic programming. A preliminary examination of some of the Ad Astra and departmental issues reveal that the nature of these issues are numerous and complicated and cannot be resolved with the current implementation nor necessarily with the proposed "Scenario" implementation of Ad Astra.

The Senate, in accord with Greg Pierce from the Registrars Office, would like to recommend to the Office of the Provost the formation of a committee whose function would be to identify the various problems and make recommendations to resolve the identified issues regarding space assignment on campus. The recommended composition of this committee would be selected departmental Administrative Assistants, designated persons from the Registrars Office, and representative faculty from each college who are familiar with the more pertinent issues currently involved with scheduling. In addition to identifying and recommending solutions, this committee would act as a positive conduit for communication between the Registrars Office and the faculty in the various colleges.

We ask for your serious consideration of this proposal as we believe it to be the most viable approach towards resolving this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

USM Faculty Senate