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Undergraduate Council

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CLASS Representative

Re: Class scheduling

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With gas prices routinely uncontrolled and typically heading upward, I suggest that our University try to get ahead of the curve in terms of obvious implications which gas prices obviously have for a commuter campus such as ours.

Note: 1) we briefly reached national gas prices in excess of \$4/gallon this summer.

2) Traditionally the primary area from which we have drawn our students in within a circle centered on our campus with a radius of roughly 30 miles.

3) President Khatur's apparent intention is to reduce "competition" among the various UH campuses which will effectively expand the radius of the circle from which we attract students.

4) We face an increasing number of other competitors for students—ranging from the University of Phoenix to various Internet-based opportunities. And,

5) Departments often experience that classes offered on Tuesday-Thursday fill before comparable classes offered on Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

I MOVE that the Undergraduate Council, using it's normal Committee System to examine the relevant issues and impacts, address and act on a proposal that the University of Houston realign its Fall and Spring Semester class schedules so that all classes require only two meetings per week, with a class calendar organized ground Monday-Thursday and Tuesday-Friday classes, with a concentration of longer (e.g., three-hour) classes to be held on Wednesday.