Community Hour Proposal
Approved by Campus Assembly 5/2/17
Effective fall 2018

A community hour shall take place between 11:40am and 12:40pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the academic year. This means the daily academic schedule would be as follows:

- 8:00-9:40am
- 9:50-11:30am
- 11:40am-12:40pm --- Community Hour
- 12:50-2:30pm
- 2:40-4:20pm
- 4:30 - 6:10pm

This means there are approximately 30 periods during a semester (15 on Tuesdays, 15 on Thursdays).

A community hour scheduling authority shall consist of: UMM Steering Committee, Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, MCSA representative, Director of Student Activities.

Prior to a semester, the scheduling authority will meet to allocate which committees get priority for Thursday meeting periods. Depending on the semester and the slate of potential activities, the scheduling authority will allocate periods to higher priority activity.

The scheduling authority will allocate community hour periods according to the following guidelines:

**Tuesdays:**

1) Three Tuesday periods devoted to Campus Assembly meetings: Last Tuesday in September, First Tuesdays in November and December. In spring semesters, the first Tuesdays in March, April, and May.

2) Two Tuesdays each term will be devoted to academic division meetings.

3) If a Campus Assembly meeting will not be used, it can be converted to a division meeting if desired by a division.

4) If a division meeting will not be used, or not used for the entire 60 minute period, the remaining time can be converted to a discipline meeting.

5) The remaining 10 Tuesdays can be made available for scheduling from the central scheduling authority.

**Thursdays:**

1) There are 15 Thursday slots available for use by campus governance committees. These will be allocated to campus governance activity.

2) A complication is that some committees have overlapping membership and cannot meet at the same time with full participation. This implies that some committees may need to meet at times outside of the community hour on Thursdays.

3) Committees with minimal overlap issues can probably schedule themselves on these Thursday periods without much interference.

4) Smaller events, and student-centered events can be allocated to these Thursday periods.