

The following comments were received following the posting of the online survey on 75 minute class time.

1. "It seems biased when you state that all the other CC's have the schedule but we don't. When in fact, KCC does not have any system like that and I am not sure about WCC."
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2. Please forgive me for not completing this survey. The answer is not so simple as a yes or no.

I cannot teach a 50 minute class any more. Given logistic issues with each class, there is not enough instructional time to get anything done. I have other issues as well. For example, in my linguistics classes, I show several PBS generated videos, all of which are always 55 minutes long. No can do in 50 minutes. I need 75 minute classes because of how my lectures and class time are organized. I am tempted to click yes for 75 minute classes.

At the same time, have you consulted with division chairs about their difficulties with scheduling, including allocating classroom time and space? At least during the fall semester, our campus doesn't have enough classroom space to meet demand. What about young students with short attention spans who might benefit from shorter classes? What about foreign language classes where frequent repetition is needed for language acquisition?

Personally, I prefer my 170 minute week-end classes which I have taught for 20 years. (Yes, 3 hour classes!) I don't make my students sit there for 3 hours and get bruises on the sides of their knees! I organize my week-end classes into several mini-classes with breaks in between. These classes allow me the flexibility to have a "40 minute class" here and a "110 minute class" there, etc. Depending on students' needs, I am better able to adjust to each class' needs. By the way, my week-end students (at least in ENG 100) always learn more and do better than my week-day 75-minute students.

I apologize for bending your ear (eyeballs?!). If you really need a vote, I'll go with the 75-minute option, but .

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3. I understand there's a large division that's against having the 4-day work-week. I think that division should not prevent the other divisions from having a 4-day work-week if that division prefers to keep their 5-day work-week.