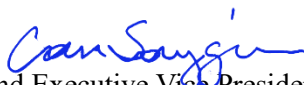


INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To: UTRGV Deans

From: Dr. Can Saygin 
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: July 22, 2026

Subject: Implementation of the New Standard Course Scheduling Grid Beginning Fall 2027

Beginning Fall 2027, UTRGV will move from the current MW/TR/F scheduling pattern to a new standard grid: Monday/Wednesday/Friday (MWF) and Tuesday/Thursday (TR). This change reflects recommendations from the AY 2025–2026 Class Schedule Working Group, which reviewed ways to expand course offerings in anticipation of enrollment growth while supporting timely degree progression and retention.

Our current model underuses classroom space on Fridays while overloading it earlier in the week, limiting our ability to add sections during peak demand and constraining student access to required courses. Distributing instruction more evenly will expand seat capacity and give students more consistent access to the courses they need for timely degree completion.

Because this is a fundamental change, Fall 2027 scheduling should be treated as a comprehensive redesign, not a rollover of prior schedules. No student's graduation should be delayed because required courses aren't available. Our goal is to align classroom space, scheduling, and faculty teaching capacity to maximize student success and reduce time to degree.

Please work with your chairs and program leaders to build schedules intentionally and strategically. As you do, departments should:

- Follow approved course rotations and curricular requirements.
- Prioritize student success and timely progression when setting course mix, times, locations, and modalities.
- Distribute courses across the new grid and minimize conflicts that delay progress.
- Use current enrollment trends, prerequisite sequencing, and actual demand data to inform decisions, rather than defaulting to past-semester patterns.
- Coordinate within and across departments to support majors, minors, certificates, and interdisciplinary programs.

In coordination with the Registrar's Office, Academic Affairs will issue the full scheduling grid, deadlines, milestones, and implementation guidance to chairs in the coming months, and we'll partner closely with each college through the transition.

As Dean, your direct supervision and guidance within your college is essential to an effective Fall 2027 schedule that reflects our shared commitment to student success and the effective use of university resources.

Thank you for your leadership on this important initiative.