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Faculty Senate Issue Log Form

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Title-of-Issue: Class schedule published before final version is ready

Description: Apparently at the behest of ODUGlobal, the class schedules for the upcoming calendar year are being published a year in advance, even though departments have not finalized them. For departments that run some classes on a 2-year schedule, or for sporadic offerings, this means that students are being led to believe that certain classes will be available when in fact they will not. Even for classes offered every year or every semester, they may change days and times. It is unfair to tell students to plan their schedules a year in advance, or to lead students to believe that they can plan their schedules so early, knowing full well those course offerings will change. I am fielding questions from faculty about why the Spring semester looks different to what we just discussed with them about what classes they would be teaching. We just sent in the final proof for Spring 2024 and it is not yet published.

Rationale: This practice is confusing for students and faculty alike. ODUGlobal's desire to have the schedules early should not trump the rest of the campus's need to have accurate information.

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