Title: Resolution on Autumn 2021 Time Schedule Transparency

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WHEREAS, the Spring 2021 time schedule stated whether courses can be taken online and asynchronously,

WHEREAS, the Autumn 2021 time schedule does not have this information,

WHEREAS, online asynchronous course offerings are very important to student parents, students with disabilities and students with professional or research obligations, among other identities,

WHEREAS, 98% of graduate and professional students surveyed in the Spring 2021 “Return to In-Person Learning” survey indicated the time schedule should clearly indicate the type and regularity of synchronous participation required,

WHEREAS, even if SARS-CoV-2 is well controlled in the United States, continued pandemic travel restrictions will likely restrict international students from taking in-person coursework in ways that cannot currently be predicted,

WHEREAS, many graduate and professional students are included in the aforementioned identities,

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, the Autumn 2021 time schedule and MyPlan be transparent regarding whether courses can be taken online and asynchronously, following the excellent precedent set by the Spring 2021 time schedule;

THAT, GPSS reiterates the importance of asynchronous online courses for many students;

THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the University Registrar Helen Garrett and Vice Provost of Academic and Student Affairs Philip Reid.