Fall 2014 Average Class Size Projections

Over the last four years, from Fall 2010 to Fall 2013, the average class size has increased from 31.3 to 33.5, with an addition of 293 sections (we went from 1,516 sections to 1,671 sections). The increase has happened largely at the undergraduate level, which increased from 33.8 to 35.4; at the graduate level, we increased from 15.2 to 15.7.

For Fall of 2014, the university has a goal of an average of 37 at the undergraduate level. Such an increase would allow us to have only a modest increase in the number of sections: from 1,507 undergraduate sections in Fall 2013 to 1,524 sections in Fall 2014. This modest increase is necessitated by the lack of room availability. While the change to a MWF and TR schedule will afford us the ability to add about 83 new sections, we will not make this schedule change until Spring 2015. For Fall 2015, it will be necessary for us to not only change the scheduling framework but also the class start time.

Two models have been created for the Fall of 2014, the first of which reaches a 36.2 average class size at the undergraduate level and the second of which reaches a 36.8 average class size. To manifest the second model and approximate the goal of 37 will require proactive enrollment management, filling classrooms to their capacity.