

SUNY Oswego College Hour Proposal
Student Association
March 3, 2008

Proposal: To Continue the College Hour pilot into the Spring semester of 2009 on Wednesday's at 3:00-4:00 pm.

History: Spring of 2007: Wednesday at 12:40-1:35
Fall of 2007: Tuesday at 12:40-1:35
Spring of 2008: Wednesday at 12:40-1:35
Fall of 2008: Tuesday at 12:40-1:35

The College Hour is a time period dedicated to college activities and student life. College Hour can be used to encourage involvement through allowing a time period dedicated to educational and social activities.

Examples of College Hour Programming:

- Faculty and student presentations of research
- Panel discussions on topics of interest
- Readings of student and/or faculty creative work
- Series of short films
- Short concerts
- Speakers from on or off campus
- Exhibits with featured speakers
- Short plays or readings

[\(http://www.oswego.edu/news/events/college_hour/\)](http://www.oswego.edu/news/events/college_hour/)

Facts based on PDA survey results:

FALL 2007

- 69.03% of students enjoy college hour (113 surveyed)
- 64.11% of students want college hour continued (404 surveyed)
- 28.93% of students want college hour on Wednesday (401 surveyed)
- 43.12% of students said lunch (time issue) prevented them from attending an event (408 surveyed)
 - most highly rated reason for not attending

SPRING 2007

- 43.69% of faculty voted Wednesday as the best day (103 surveyed)
- 72.82% of faculty want college hour continued (103 surveyed)
- 78.20% of students agree one hour is a sufficient amount of time to cover the material (133 surveyed)
- 35.06% of students said lunch (time issue) prevented them from attending an event (134 surveyed)
 - most highly rated reason for not attending

Positive Outcomes:

- faculty department participation increases
- department – student interactions
- great outcomes during events (465 attended Fall 2007 Science Today)
- opportunities for students to earn extra credit
- increases students participation and learning experience
- decreases students from drinking early on Friday because of scheduling