

Special Report

More "Spring Breaks" for Nissan in 2007?

An Investigation into Course Scheduling in the CoB

This Special Report examines the spring 2007 teaching schedule of Edward Nissan, professor of economics in the CoB. Nissan's spring 2007 teaching schedule is presented below:

<u>NISSAN</u>							Days	Sked.	Courses
BA	303-8W1	H001	1.5	Regression Analysis	2:00pm-4:45pm	M			
BA	303-8W1	H002	1.5	Regression Analysis	6:30pm-9:15pm	M			
BA	303-8W1	H003	1.5	Regression Analysis	2:25pm-5:10pm	T			
BA	303-8W2	H004	1.5	Regression Analysis	2:00pm-4:45pm	W			
BA	303-8W2	H005	1.5	Regression Analysis	6:30pm-9:15pm	W			
BA	303-8W2	H006	1.5	Regression Analysis	2:25pm-5:10pm	R			
			3	Course Release - Academically Qualified					
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Nissan is teaching six 1.5-hour sections of BA 303, 3 during 8W1 and 3 during 8W2. The 8W1 courses are taught from 2:00pm on Mondays through 5:10pm on Tuesdays. Thus, Nissan is being provided 141 consecutive hours without a teaching assignment from his last class on Tuesday until his first class on Monday, throughout the 8W1 period. This is the same block of out-of-class time that George Carter, the EFIB Chair, provided Edward Nissan in fall of 2006.

In the second half of spring 2007, or 8W2, Nissan's courses are taught from 2:00pm on Wednesdays through 5:10pm on Thursdays, again providing Nissan with 141 consecutive hours of out-of-class time. Nissan's 1-preparation, 2 days per week schedule will likely facilitate a good bit of travel that the CoB will ultimately be responsible for. As we stated in an earlier report, Nissan could easily commute to USM from a base in San Francisco, and possibly even from London, throughout the spring semester of 2007. And, since his fall 2006 schedule offered the same "141 consecutive hours" benefit, he could live in San Francisco all year during 2006-07 if he so desired.

Note that Carter refers to Nissan's schedule above as a 6-course schedule over a 4-day/week time frame. Could Carter be any more disingenuous? Cut both numbers (i.e., 6 and 4) in half and you have the truth about Nissan's spring 2007 schedule.

Additional Commentary

Usmpride.com readers are aware of reports that show that all of Carter's research output comes through "co-authorship" with Nissan. Thus, any preferential treatment provided to Nissan will have obvious financial benefits for Carter. Given Nissan's penchant for

travel, time and travel funds are of paramount importance to Nissan. Carter is apparently willing to provide Nissan with copious amounts of both.