

Scheduling Software Timeline

August 30, 2017	- Provost appoints Jacob Heller to lead a group to identify best scheduling software options for the College, with special interest in predictive analytics that will make academic schedules more effective for students.
September 20, 2017	- follow-up meeting to clarify goals/aims of the scheduling software initiative.
Sept - Nov 2017	- meetings with SAS Dean, Registrar, CIO, Senate Chair, IT Director, Asst. VP for Acad. Affairs, various individual faculty.
November 10, 2017	- "Scheduling Software Initiative" memo to Provost, proposing a small working group to, "include a Faculty member/Department Chair (recommended by Faculty Senate), the person in Academic Affairs responsible for the Catalog and finalizing the class schedule (Shalei Simms), the Registrar (Pat Smith), and someone from Information Technology (Liz Bouchard), as well as a Chair, to be appointed by the Provost." Membership finalized: Geta Techanie (Governance/Dept. Chair) Shalei Simms (Acad. Affairs) Liz Bouchard (IT) Pat Smith (Registrar) Jacob Heller (chair)
December 19, 2017	- Working Group meets to discuss perspectives, essential aspects of any software; charge expanded to include recommendations for an electronic catalog.
Jan – Feb 2018	- conversations with vendors to begin setting-up demos (scheduling conflicts within working group prevented any actual demos).
Late February 2018	- consensus within Working Group that Ad Astra Platinum Analytics is only option offering the kinds of efficiencies, cost-savings, and advantages to students; too late in budget cycle to complete bidding/procurement process within 2017-18 fiscal year.
Late March 2018	- Old Westbury is selected for participation in a SUNY PIF (Performance Improvement Fund) led by SUNY Fredonia and SUNY Monroe Community College, which will fund Ad Astra Platinum Analytics for a two-year period, with minimal costs to the campus.
April 2018	- contracts to be signed, implementation team identified, planning for implementation can begin.