Myth Busters: Questions behind Events Management System (EMS)

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Implementation Myths

Myth: Space is going to be managed centrally.

Truth: Space will continue to be managed by individual building schedulers.

Myth: Office of Special Events will manage all events on campus.

Truth: We do not have the capacity to manage all events. Event assignments will depend on availability and the priorities defined by the Director in collaboration with the President.



Implementation Myths

Myth: There is only one training. Truth: There is one mandatory administrator training for our primary schedulers. However, we will offer training opportunities for as long as needed.

Myth: The Office of Special Events and Continuing Education/Conference Services are the same.

Truth: We view Continuing Education and Conference Services as an added resource for the University. Here are a few differences. The Office of Special Events does not manage camps or events from external groups. Finally, we do not charge for our services.



Implementation Myths

Myth: This software is for academic scheduling.

Truth: Early in the process President Waldrop noted that this effort would not address academic scheduling. Any future academic scheduling changes would be led by Academic Affairs.

Myth: This implementation will fix the scheduling issues on campus.

Truth: This implementation is one of many strategies we believe will help remedy on campus scheduling challenges. It is critical that the entire University community participates in this effort.



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