

## Timetabling

The interface between managing the resource and pedagogy

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#### Introduction

### Reflection using Rolfe, Freshwater and Jasper





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## What? Describing the situation

Post registration business in Jordanstown
Mix of undergraduate and postgraduate provision
CTU liaises with FHA who liaises with School timetable coordinator
Planning for Sem 1 starts six months in advance, (sem 2, four months)
50% of changes requested in September for sem 1; a decreasing figure?
Commissioning: not all modules every year
Some modules commissioned at the eleventh hour



# So what! Theory and knowledge building

Insight into the interface between pedagogy and resource

Competition for finite resources (even days of the week)

Competition for specialised rooms

Competition for "owned" rooms

Dependent on colleagues communicating and planning

Highlighted the need for colleagues to communicate planning needs

In particular offering level 6 & 7 together required shared space and discrete space to meet learning outcomes



### Now what?

### How to improve the situation

Include timetabling into revalidation discussions and planning as an overt item Include timetabling in revalidation documents?

Clarify the timetabling item in PMS checklist:

 Ask for evidence of discussion around the usage of space and how that was enabled

Verify what discussions take place in CCs



### Conclusion

"You can't always get what you want but if you try sometimes well you just might find you get what you need."

- The Rolling
Stones

