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Dear General Counsel Cornell,

The Simple Syllabus tool adopted starting in Summer 2025 makes the meeting days, times, and locations of all classes extremely easy for the public to find by simply visiting uh.simplesyllabus.com.

We are writing to urge that the University remove this information that is currently automatically listed at the top of every Simple Syllabus document. We are concerned that such data being so accessible to anyone invites unwanted intrusions into classes, especially courses some may find “objectionable” (those covering gender, sexuality, race, religion, etc.) and especially from people outside the University community. There have been numerous reports in the media denigrating specific professors and their courses across the United States and Texas, including at least two such pieces targeting different professors at our University, one in June (<https://www.foxnews.com/media/socialist-texas-professor-calls-university-houston-renamed-george-floyd-university>) and another this month that specifically used information where the writer did a search in Simple Syllabus for the word “queer” (<https://texasscorecard.com/houston/university-of-houston-offering-classes-covering-queer-theory/>).

Enrolled students can easily find information about when and where their classes meet within their PeopleSoft account. Additionally, as we understand it, statute does not require that such information be listed specifically on the public syllabus (https://texas.public.law/statutes/tex._educ._code_section_51.974).

And while we understand that the University schedule is available to the public elsewhere, the process of accessing it is more cumbersome, and it does not include a way to automatically search every syllabus at the University for specified words.

We look forward to your response and would be glad to have further conversation about this request that aims to keep the University community safer. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

UH AAUP Chapter