

Development of Undergraduate Major Committee (DUMC)

6 September 2017

I. Organization and approach

- A. Subcommittees working in parallel
- B. Would we like an outside member? If so, who?

Decided that we do not want to ask someone from outside of the department to serve on the committee, but we will consider inviting persons to share their experiences and provide input on our plan as expert consultants when the plan for the major is better developed.

Possible guests: ESS (Monique Rocca), Forestry (Tony Cheng?), Soil and Crops (Greg Butters)

II. Documents provided

- A. 2015 Graduate Curriculum report
- B. Faculty retreat notes
- C. Slides from faculty retreat

III. Faculty retreat

- A. Discuss notes, etc.
- B. Financial effects of having a major (handout)

IV. Revise subcommittees and identify membership

Subcommittees to begin working now

- Post-mortem of BSPM major
 - Janet, Frank
- Focus groups with high school, undergraduate and graduate students
 - Cini, Todd, Andrew
- Assessment of business, industry, management needs
 - Kirk, Cris, Franck

Subcommittees to begin working later

- Program coursework and other components
 - Use Backward Design presented in faculty retreat presentation
 - Need new, innovative curriculum
- Consulting with affected departments and faculty
- Developing links with industry for internships, etc.
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- Student advising

V. Committee meeting schedule

- A. Next meeting will be week of October 2
- B. The three subcommittees will report their progress at this meeting, and we will consider whether it is time to begin working on the coursework and other components of the program.