

Maine EPSCoR Meeting Report

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Culture and Curriculum Committee Meeting (Curriculum subcommittee)

Date of Meeting: 12 February

Time: 2:00-3:30

Place of Meeting: Mitchell Center, UMaine

Purpose of Meeting: Curriculum Subcommittee of CCC

Maine EPSCoR Meeting Individuals Participating:

Name: Aram Calhoun (WLE)

Name: Charlie Colgan (USM)

Name: Teresa Johnson (SMS)

Name: Jim Wilson (SMS)

Name: Susan Gardner (Education)

Name: Darren Ranco (Anthropology)

Name: Stew Smith (School of Economics)

Name: Mark Anderson (EES undergrad coordinator)

Meeting Agenda

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1. Development of IPh.D. (Susan Gardner and Darren)
2. Development of dual degree programs/SSI concentration (SMS) (Jim Wilson)
3. SSI seminar course structure, future options (20 min)
4. Integrating SMS/EES into our program (20 min)
5. Other (20 min)

Meeting Minutes

Action items:

It was determined that we did not have enough information to proceed on program development without a stronger grasp of what we mean by “sustainability science” and what competencies we would want students to have if they were to have a dual degree, concentration, or iPhD in sustainability science. The following steps will be pursued before reconvening to further develop degree options:

1. Appoint student representative (s) to the CCC. (This has been done with Britt Cline, Stan Hutchens, and Jessica Jansujwicz rotating positions on the committee) (Aram lead)
2. Research core curricula in existing Sustainability Solutions degrees across the country. (Britt and Stan and Susan to some degree)
3. Compare core curricula with offerings within the UMaine system and identify gaps. (Britt and Stan and Aram)
4. Review the courses posted on the website that are available to our students and scan for core courses. (Aram, Mark)(Charlie scan USM choices??)
5. Reconvene after this research has been completed to discuss core curricula and expectations for Umaine sustainability solutions degree. (whole team)
6. Continue to pursue research on a IPh.D. in sustainability science as a precursor to a Ph.D. program in sustainability science. (Susan and Darren)