

IPSS Steering Committee Meeting

10.30.19

Attendees: Umma Fatema, Abbie Cain, Alan Fryar, Jason Unrine, Rebecca McGrail, Mark Coyne, Bruce Downie

- I. Spring 2020 Applications
 - a. 12 applicants – 9 MS, 3 PhD
 - i. 6 accepted – 4 MS, 2 PhD
- II. GRE Requirement
 - a. Removing the GRE requirement per the memo drafted by Mark
 - b. Justification is from the Graduate School
- III. University Scholars Program
 - a. Three programs to begin
 - i. ABT – Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology
 - ii. AES – Agricultural Ecosystem Sciences
 - iii. NRES – Natural Resources and Environmental Science
 - b. What about Sustainable Agriculture?
 - i. No one has approached Mark about it but he will contact Krista Jacobsen and/or Mark Williams
 - c. Works for either the M.S. or Ph.D. programs
 - i. Ph.D. students will likely be Plant Physiology (bypassing the M.S.)
 - d. Assistantship and scholarship implications
 - i. Undergraduate students will still be eligible for scholarships; any time-limited scholarships will apply until the stated period ends
 - ii. When can students be picked up on assistantship?
 - e. IPS 610 and 625 occur in the second year as a result of meeting elective requirements for the final year of undergraduate
 - f. Need to circulate to the departments/steering committees housing these undergraduate programs
 - i. Obtain undergraduate courses for the curriculum paths
- IV. New Assessment Plan
 - a. Quick start guide shared
 - b. Alan has information on OSPIE workshops for developing learning outcomes and assessment protocols
 - c. When does data collection begin? When do we report it?
 - i. Year 1-4
 - d. Students are good using CVs as assessment material
 - e. Meet at the beginning of 2020 to develop