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Every two weeks, we will write with highlights on breaking news, progress made, workgroup updates, and invite the SOM WWAMI community to ask questions about the curriculum changes which are coming in 2022. Look for our next communication after winter break on January 10.

Retreat - Save the Date!

March 14 and 15 am, 2022 Location: Urban Horticulture Center, Seattle WA Hotel and travel details and instructions will be sent very soon. Please do not book your flights and hotel on your own. This needs to be done through the UW.

When is the retreat? March 14 (all day) and 15 (morning), 2022. We heard from a majority of you that Monday, March 14 and Tuesday March 15 are preferable days for a retreat in Seattle. We know these dates don't work for everyone. If you can send a representative from your block, thread or theme to the retreat for part of the time that would be much appreciated. We have considered and decided against a virtual option, as a hybrid model is unlikely to meet our goals below.

Where will it be held? <u>Center for Urban Horticulture</u>, Seattle WA. Please do not book your flights and hotel on your own, as we cannot reimburse travel expenses purchased independently. This needs to be done through the UW. Hotel and travel details and instructions will be sent very soon.

What is the purpose of the retreat? This retreat is intended for those who are involved in the leadership, development, and/or implementation of the Foundations curriculum. Our goal is to build our content for the Foundations curriculum but also to build our community by seeing each other in person and provide an opportunity to talk with faculty across sites and across courses.

What will we do at the retreat? This is a curriculum development and coordination retreat. We heard that individuals want to dig in and work together on content related to their blocks, threads and themes and spend time talking across content with other blocks, threads and themes and leave the retreat with tangible content maps. We plan to get in the weeds on content and sessions while we eat good food (we have some ideas about how to do this safely and outside) and spend time with each other.

We want to hear from you about the 2022 curriculum and what you'd like to do at this retreat. Get specific! **Send your feedback here:** <u>link to Google Form</u>

What do I do if I have questions, comments, suggestions?

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