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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.

Dear all,

We hope your 2022 is off to a great start. Ours is full of change and opportunity as we work on the details and hours new Foundations 2022 blocks. Edith and Meghan have been working with blocks and threads to ensure content has a home and reflects the guiding principles approved by Curriculum Committee. This has involved meeting with thread directors and reviewing their content, current hours, and requested hours and content in depth. These requests were then balanced with the needs of the blocks by getting input from block directors to help guide hours allocations within each block. We also have worked with the Themes and Oncology leads to review their longitudinal content needs. The schedules and allocation of hours for block, threads, themes, and oncology content for the summer, fall, and winter term blocks have been developed and will be shared with the appropriate blocks, threads, and themes directors in the coming week.

In regard to the March Foundations Retreat, please continue to hold these dates on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we are navigating the situation here at UW and nationwide with Covid guidelines and restrictions. As a refresher, UW announced travel restrictions earlier this month that made it impossible to book travel for the 2022 Foundations Retreat in March. We have edited the [survey](#) to reflect the current circumstances and look forward to all of your responses. If you have already filled out the survey before it was updated and do not have changes in your circumstances, you do not need to fill it out again, we will retain your previous answers. Please also note that this retreat is mostly focused on “nuts and bolts” content development and placement, so unless you are block, thread, or theme faculty or otherwise directly involved in content delivery and instruction, you do not need to attend this retreat or fill out the survey. Though, please continue to make your voices heard by responding to this blog or reaching out to us in Curriculum with your thoughts.

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