

Draft Agenda for Network Meeting II

UFERN – Network Meeting II (October 15 - 18, 2019)

October 15 (5 PM start-time members, AM start time Leadership Team) - October 18 (morning end time)

H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest; Blue River, OR

The **ultimate goal** of UFERN is to help improve undergraduate field learning experiences for all students by working together to better understand student outcomes and how these relate to features of field programs and to characteristics of our students. In so doing, we will advance the scholarship of field- and place-based learning.

Goals for the 2019 UFERN Network Meeting are to:

- 1) Reinvigorate UFERN with clear direction and enthusiasm.
- 2) Support current and identify new UFERN project groups with clear direction, leadership, and products on which to collaborate.
- 3) Define next steps for involving a broad network of undergraduate field programs in common assessment of student outcomes distinctive to field learning and members to lead this work.
- 4) Develop a research agenda about undergraduate field learning experiences.
- 5) Support participants to form positive connections with each other, see the value of the network and leave motivated to remain engaged participants of the network.

Agenda

Day One --October 15, 2019	
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Check-in and arrivals from Eugene, OR airport
5:00 PM	Welcome, Overview of Project
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Poster session Time for informal mixing
Day Two --October 16, 2019	
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM – 8:50 AM	Goals for the day/Key Principles for the meeting Meeting and network values

8:50 - 10:00 AM	UFERN Framework: Distinctive Elements of Undergraduate Field Experiences <i>(Presentation and discussion)</i>
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Connecting field course design to the student experience in undergraduate field experiences <i>(Presentation)</i>
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Involving a network of undergraduate field programs in common assessment and research <i>(Discussion)</i>
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	Lunch and highlights from small group discussions
1:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Student recruitment and selection <i>(Presentation and Discussion)</i>
2:45 - 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Connecting undergraduate field program outcomes to employer and student expectations <i>(Presentation and discussion)</i>
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Project Groups <i>(Identify project groups and participants to be involved in them; initial project group discussions)</i>
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Project Group Report Out
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Free time - optional hike - The Discovery Trail Learning Experience
Day Three --October 17, 2019	
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Goals for the day, Network questions
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	How to Assess Your Undergraduate Field Learning Experience? <i>Discussion of opportunity for all at the network meeting to contribute to a database of existing assessment tools.</i>
9:15 AM- noon	Project group time <i>(as identified the day before - including current project groups, new project groups, and other efforts)</i>
Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Additional project group time
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Project group shareouts & connections
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Developing a research agenda about undergraduate field learning experiences (Discussion)
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Celebrations, Future of UFERN
Day Four -- October 18, 2019	
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast & Departure