

PSM Info Forum Discussions Summary

Breakout groups discussed the PSM from three perspectives: program development, program implementation, and recruiting and career services. This summary presents (1) recommendations across all three breakout groups and (2) discussion topics by each group.

Recommendations (in no particular order)

1. Maintain flexibility of curriculum
2. Build flexibility into internship criteria
3. Create on-going communication with faculty
4. Add “Public Policy and Government” content across all programs
5. Develop “Plus” course schedule to minimize conflict with core science courses
6. Create target student profiles – current and future
7. Encourage guest visits by undergraduates to seminars for recruiting
8. Develop a policy and mechanism for non-PSM student enrollment in PSM courses
9. Explore hybrid course delivery options, especially for “Plus” courses, mixing face-to-face, online, audio- and video-conferencing, etc.
10. Create opportunities for students to connect with other PSM students nationally
11. Convene the PSM Council in early fall 2008
12. Consider seminar format of 5-6 guest speakers each semester with remaining classes covering business-related topics not covered in other “Plus” courses
13. Consider alternative delivery for working professionals and/or part-time students
14. Develop a variety of PSM degree programs across disciplines
15. Offer choices, by program, of “Plus” courses



16. Consider alternatives to summer-only internships
17. Do not use the term “placement” in the context of career services
18. Educate prospective employers as to what PSM interns can offer as compared to undergraduate interns
19. Consider adapting the MBA and ILIR models in developing internship opportunities with employers
20. Consider alternatives to the term “internship” to help distinguish graduate from undergraduate job/work content
21. Clarify expectations to students early in their programs of their responsibility to secure internships
22. Consider the term “Career Management” when referring to PSM career services

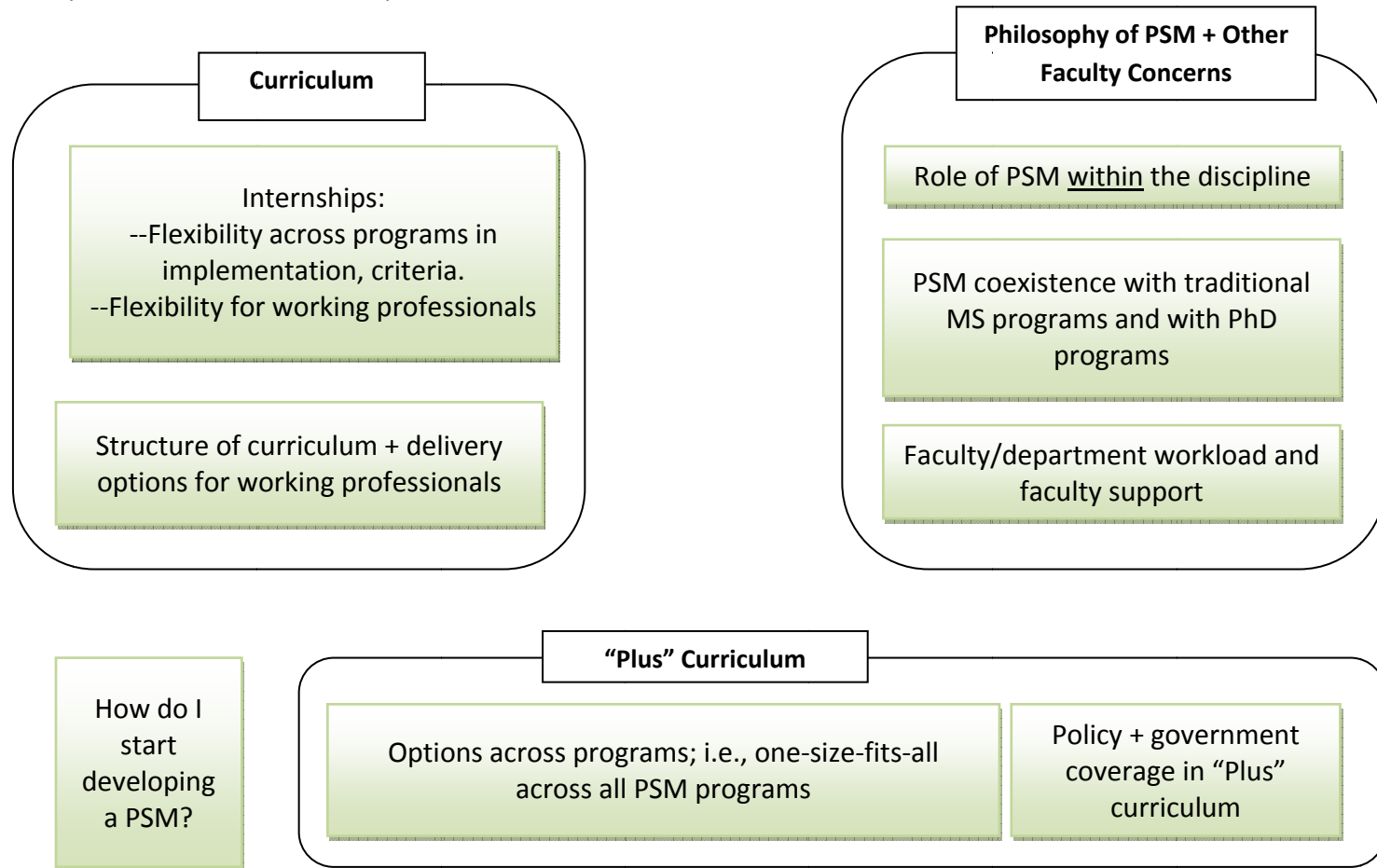
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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Themes:

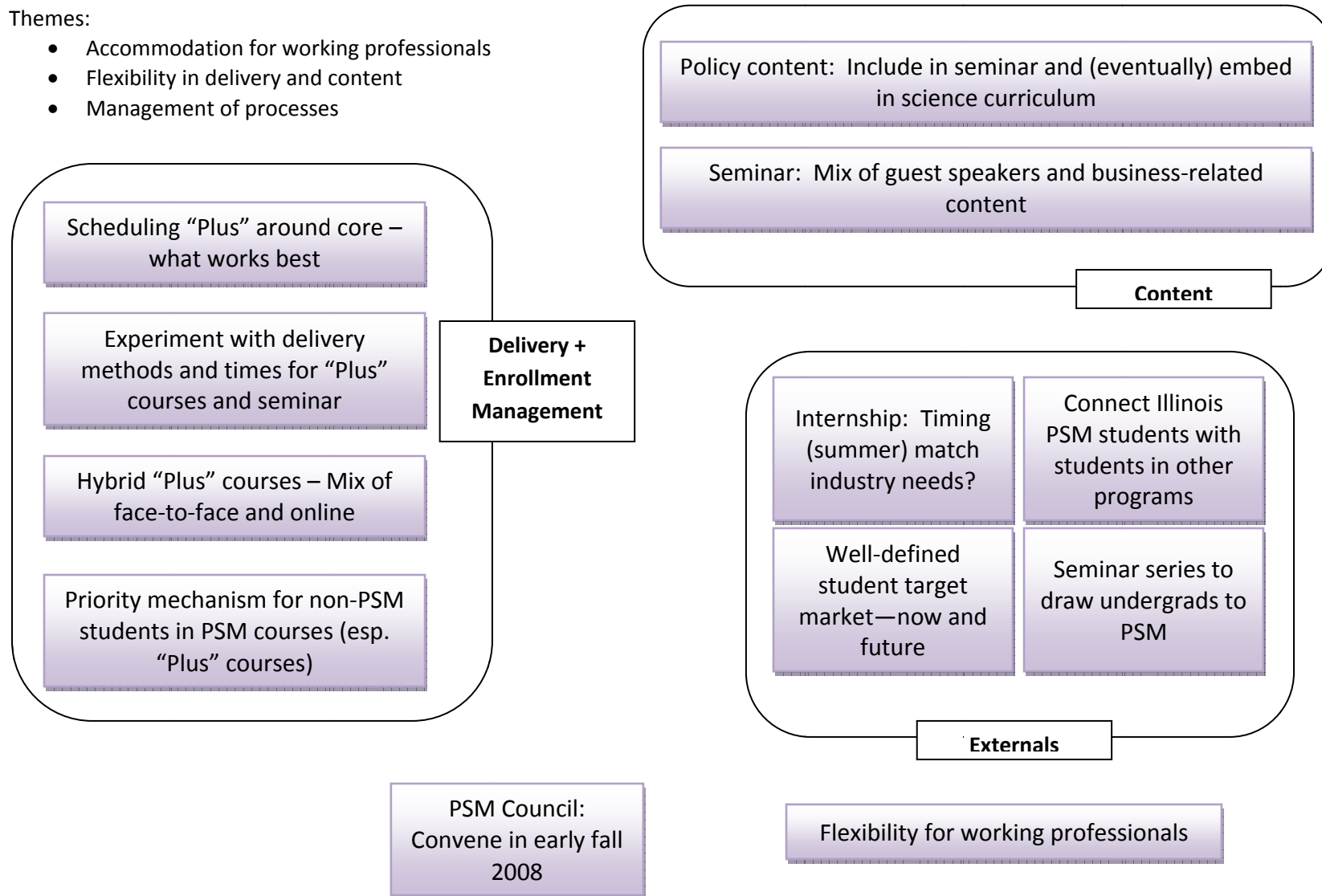
- Accommodation for working professionals
- Commitment by faculty
- Flexibility in curriculum and internship



PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION DISCUSSION

Themes:

- Accommodation for working professionals
- Flexibility in delivery and content
- Management of processes



CAREER SERVICES DISCUSSION

Themes:

- Matching needs across all constituencies
- Determining responsibilities across units
- Internships are the principal concern

