1. Task at hand – our current MS program offerings
   a. Committee reviewed the following:
      i. We’ve offered 3 MS programs for a long time but our MPH is significantly more popular
      ii. Feedback from students indicates that they are more interested in programs that can be completed in about a year
      iii. While rethinking programs, we don’t want to create more courses but want to make things more flexible
   b. Following recommendations were made:
      i. Lisa will send the data document to all members
      ii. Amanda will look at the program structure for Columbia, Johns Hopkins, and the University of Washington
      iii. Research Foundation (Competency Based Credits)
         1. Courses to include were biostatistics, epidemiology, and informatics
         2. Having this same foundation would allow for delivery of more skills that are standard across the programs
         3. Terming this a Micro Master’s: you pay less than normal tuition (not for credit) and this could provide a jumpstart to entering the MS programs
      iv. Master’s in Public Health Research
         1. Required full semester where you do a co-op
         2. Duration of the program would be about 15 months (summer to summer)
         3. First, students would complete the research foundation online and then complete 2 semesters of specialization
         4. Would like to consider offering the entire program online
         5. Another thought was to term the degree a MS in Public Health Research with a focus on a certain area
      v. MS students feeling a lack of community
         1. Consider having these students take certain classes together in the beginning of the program to increase this
   c. Thinking of a model that gives competency based credits based on experience/skills