Hi Marty,

Hope all is well with you and things are going ok for you in your new position.

It turns out because of all the reorganization that is going on, CAS has decided that BPP will not be required to do the planned upcoming CSREES review until we know what is going to happen with the departmental structures. As you know, BPP was hoping to conduct the CSREES, Undergraduate, and Graduate Programs reviews this coming spring (2010). Given that we will not conduct our CSREES review this spring and due to all the reorganization that is happening both in CAS and COS, Stella Coakley (our Associate Dean) in CAS, has suggested that we postpone our UG and GRAD reviews. The reason for this is that we will be under discussion with CAS departments (and potentially with the College of Forestry) about the potential of a cross unit (and potentially cross College) undergraduate and graduate programs in the plant sciences. As such, it is important that the faculty put their efforts into this potential reorganization rather than a review of a program that may not exist this time next year. BPP would like to put off the review of our graduate program until we know if we will continue to have our program.

Please let me know if you are in agreement with this request. If you need to talk further, please let me know.

Best,

Lynda