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Since I began the semester with my idea in mind, I was able to complete much ground-work for my report to submitting my original proposal, thus there are no major changes to original design. However, since my proposal, I have met with Dr. Phil Harling, the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He was extremely supportive, and I accomplished my primary objective, which was to inform him of my objective and receive administrative support.

The other important step I have taken has been to meet with Roger Chui, a Gaines alumnus assisting me the website design. It appears as though the creation of the search feature will not be extremely difficult; however further complications have come to light that add obstacles for the search design. For example, situations where multiple mentors are working on one project or where one mentor is working on multiple projects could create problems. If a faculty member were to create a single 'profile' as originally intended, problems could arise from these scenarios where mentors and/or projects could be unaccounted for in the DREAM database. One solution would be to ask each mentor to create a 'profile' for every project, describing the specific project and the role that the student would play in the research process. It is truly unrealistic to ask this of the faculty, so now I am leaning toward making the 'profile' of each faculty that would be more broad in content and would include more of the overall research goals of the faculty; then if the student is interested, contact can be made directly to work out the details.

My plan henceforth is to complete the basic design and search feature of the website over the winter break. Then, early next semester I will recruit faculty in the biology department to create a 'profile'. For the presentation in February, I hope to have the site created for the biology department and attain feedback from search trials by students. Following the presentation, I hope to work the faults out of the site and begin expanding it to other departments and colleges.