Formation of the FIVS Undergraduate Major

- Forensic Science Track in Entomology (2005)
- Student Driven Process
- Approval of the BS in Forensic and Investigative Sciences (September 1, 2007)
- Enrollment Growth: Currently 121 students

Accreditation:
- Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC)
- Accreditation: (expected January 2012)
Partnerships

• TEEX – Public Safety and Security
  – Vocational training, facilities, outreach, etc.
  – Forensic Science Academy – three certificate programs
  – Practical training of FIVS students – Forensic Technician Certification
  – Adjunct Assistant Lecturers

• Numerous others through research and student internship agreements

Expanding Focus

• Forensic Science Consortium (2009)
  – Multi-institutional, multi-agency agreement for the “advancement of comprehensive education, technology, research, and information exchange.”

• Interdisciplinary Faculty Group .... Center .... Institute (2009 – 2010)
  – Attempt to form an organizational structure to TAMU teaching, research, and outreach programs.
Revisiting the Concept

- Focus of today’s meeting
- Build up student driven process
- Add faculty driven process (as desired)
- Potential Overarching Goals:
  - Create a working environment for success;
  - Increase diversification, recruitment, and retention;
  - Develop a focal point for garnering increased financial resources.

Tangibles?

- Organizational structure?
- Start internal, expand external?
- Focus on enhancement of research enterprise?
- Create graduate certificate (?)
  Program in Forensic and Investigative Sciences
- Others