

# **The Dissolution of the Soil Science Department at Missouri: Lessons for the Profession. (S05-hammer122655-Oral)**

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## **Abstract:**

The sudden and unexpected termination of the Department of Soil and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Missouri raises questions about the future of the discipline. Once prominent programs are diminishing as higher education funds are shifted to more other issues. The relevance of soil and water to life on earth seems to have been marginalized. Long-range planning, within institutions, regionally and nationally does not seem to be taking place. What should be the role of the SSSA when departments are terminated. Should SSSA be a proactive organization in planning for the future of the profession? These and other relevant issues will be discussed

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