Program Plan and Findings: Four Column Layout



Program (AG) - AECL - Agricultural Education (MS) - 008

Program Mission Statement: The Department of Agricultural Education, Communications, and Leadership faculty are committed to preparing agricultural leaders of national prominence in the areas of education, leadership, and communications.

Within each discipline area, departmental faculty will develop life-long learners who understand science, can think critically and creatively, treat others with honesty and respect, and are prepared to be leaders in the agricultural education, communications, and leadership professions.

The department will offer progressive and dynamic graduate programs that attract outstanding graduate students who will become outstanding educators, communicators, leaders, researchers, and society members.

Program Information

2019 - 2020

Program Information Assessment Coordinator's Name: Jon Ramsey Assessment Coordinator's E-mail Address: jon.ramsey@okstate.edu Number of Students Enrolled in the Program: 22 Total Number of Students Graduated: 6 Number of Student Graduates from Stillwater Campus: 6 Number of Student Graduates from Tulsa Campus: Were university assessment funds used by the department/program for assessment activities?: Yes If yes, describe how funds were used and the contribution the funds had on the assessment process: To be added

Annual Executive Summaries

2019 - 2020

Program Assessment Coordinator: Jon W. Ramsey <u>Plan Review and Approval</u> Date Current Plan Was Reviewed and Approved: 09/11/2020 Date of Future Plan Review and Approval: 09/11/2021 <u>Summary of Assessment Findings</u> Describe overall assessment findings and faculty members' interpretation of the assessment results: The assessment results indicate that overall the graduates performed at either above average or high levels for the criteria assessed. This indicates that graduates learned at an acceptable level based on current instructional practices required programs of study, and established graduate advising and mentoring approaches.

Dissemination of Findings

Describe the individual(s) or committee responsible for reviewing and interpreting assessment data: The assessment report is reviewed by the department's unit administrator and coordinator of graduate studies and available to AECL faculty members.

Describe the process for sharing and discussing assessment findings with program faculty: Report are shared with faculty work groups for review, reflection and revision if needed.

Program Improvements Based on Assessment

Based on data collected this year, what changes are being considered or planned for the program?: No significant changes are being considered at this time. Many AECL faculty members, however, remain strongly committed to introducing M.S students to the art and practice of communicating scholarship orally and in writing through their thesis research studies, formal reports, creative components, and related writing projects. In some cases, faculty members are working closely with graduates to transform their written works into research conference papers (or presentations) and/or manuscript submissions to peer-refereed journals. As most faculty who regularly publish scholarship realize, teaching students to write effectively for a scholarly audience is a "heavy lift". The "lifting" continues in AECL. Finally, AECL faculty members will continue to advise students to use the services of OSU's Writing Center and the Edmon Lo Library to assist in improving their ability to write.

Based on this year's findings, what (if any) changes are planned for the assessment process?: The department may need to consider new ways to encourage faculty members to complete the assessment rubrics so more data can be reported in the future, especially those faculty members who attend student's presentations but are not members of the respective graduate committees and in regard to students who complete formal reports and creative components. The department's coordinator of graduate studies has consulted with the unit's head on way to incentivize faculty to participate more fully in the assessment process.

Describe the process for implementing these changes/planned program improvements:

Program Improvements Made in the Last Year: Increased Rigor

"Other" Improvements:

Goals for the Coming Year:

Is this Summary Report Complete?: Yes

List all individuals associated with this report preparation: Jon W. Ramsey; Chelsey Thompson

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during this assessment period.) The

Outcomes	Assessment Methods	Findings	Use of Findings (Actions)
Scientific Communication -	Analysis of Written Artifacts -	Reporting Period: 2019 - 2020	Use of Findings (Actions): Because
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ability to find, evaluate, and	by faculty members for three	(Developing)	overall score for students' writing
communicate scientific findings and	students who graduated with M.S.	The average overall score for the items on this rubric was	is considered an "outlier"
issues in writing and through	degrees in agricultural education.	2.97/5.00 for the group. The graduates' average scores	compared to data derived from
oral/visual presentation.	Results are reported for the rubrics	ranged from 2.69 to 3.00 and reflected the view of one to	several previous years, no
Outcome Status: Active	assessed (see related documents).	three faculty members with an average of 2.1 faculty	significant changes are being
Planned Assessment Year: 2016 -	The graduates' theses were	assessments completed for each graduate. (09/11/2020)	considered at this time, except the
2017, 2017 - 2018, 2018 - 2019, 2019	evaluated by faculty members using	Number of Students Assessed: 3	need for faculty to be more
- 2020	the designated rubrics for writing.	Number of Successful Students: 3	diligent in completing the
Start Date:	(No data are reported for students	How were students selected to participate in the	assessment rubrics for additional
Archived Date:	who completed either formal	assessment of this outcome?: The data derived from	graduating M.S. students who
Outcome Type: Skills	reports or creative components	assessments completed by faculty members during the	complete theses. Most AECI

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Reason for Archival:

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Other Assessment Type: Related Documents:

CASNR AECL grad rubric.pdf

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Reporting Period: 2019 - 2020

Conclusion: 2 - Meets Minimum Program Expectations (Developing)

The graduates completing theses averaged 2.97/4.00 on the writing rubric. These graduates' average scores ranged from 2.69 to 3.00 and reflected the views of one to three faculty members with an average of 2.0 faculty assessments completed for each graduate.

The writing score overall mean was average (i.e., 2.97/4.00) considering the real limits of the scale. Although one student assessed scored in the high range considering the real limits of the scale, the other's score was considerably lower or below average. (09/11/2020)

Number of Students Assessed: 3 Number of Successful Students: 3

Use of Findings (Actions)

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Use of Findings (Actions): Because

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Other Assessment Type: Related Documents: CASNR AECL grad rubric.pdf

Oral Presentation - Assessment

Critical Thinking - Graduates will demonstrate correct usage of research methods through their research presentation. Outcome Status: Active Planned Assessment Year: 2016 -2017, 2017 - 2018, 2018 - 2019, 2019 - 2020 Start Date: Archived Date: Outcome Type: Knowledge

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Other Assessment Type: **Related Documents:** CASNR AECL grad rubric.pdf

Disciplinary and Specialization

Knowledge - Students will demonstrate their ability to communicate scientific information in students who graduated with M.S. their thesis defense. Outcome Status: Active Planned Assessment Year: 2016 -2017, 2017 - 2018, 2018 - 2019, 2019 - 2020

Analysis of Written Artifacts -

Assessment rubrics were completed by faculty members for three degrees in agricultural education. Results are reported for the rubrics assessed. The graduates were evaluated by faculty members using the designated assessment rubric

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Other Assessment Type: Related Documents:

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Use of Findings (Actions)

introducing M.S. students to the art and practice of communicating scholarship orally and in writing through their thesis research studies, formal reports, creative components, and related writing projects. In some cases, faculty members are working closely with graduates to transform their written works into research conference papers (or presentations) and/or manuscript submissions to peer-refereed journals. As most faculty members who regularly publish scholarship realize, teaching students to write effectively for a scholarly audience is a "heavy lift." The "lifting" continues in AECL. Finally, AECL faculty members will continue to advise students to use the services of OSU's Writing Center and the Edmon Low Library to assist in improving their ability to write. (09/11/2020)