Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Summary

Natural Resources Management, M.S.

and

Master of Natural Resources Management and Geography

1. **Assessment Information collected**
   We evaluated the success rate for comprehensive examinations and project/thesis defenses and provided students an opportunity for an exit interview with the interim dean. In addition, following approval of each graduate committee, department heads and the interim dean read all theses and project reports as part of the approval process. We administer alumni and employer surveys every five years, but none were scheduled during the 2012 – 2013 review period. We did, however, conduct a brief, informal survey of faculty to gather information on current employment status of recent graduates.

2. **Conclusions drawn**
   Nineteen students took their comprehensive exams during the reporting period. Of those, 16 passed the first time, three received conditional passes. Of those receiving conditional passes, two later passed, and one never retook the exam.

   Fifteen students defended their theses or project, of which 12 passed. The other three received conditional passes; all later passed. Upon review by the department chairs and dean, after minor revisions were completed, all theses and projects were found to adhere to SNRE standards.

   Only two master’s students completed an exit interview with the interim dean. Of them, one expressed a fair amount of frustration, primarily with lack of guidance and poor advice from some committee members. The other student indicated she really appreciated the flexibility and interdisciplinary aspects of the degree program.

   Of recent graduates for whom we have information, 95% currently have jobs appropriate to their level of education in their fields or are pursuing Ph.D. degrees.

3. **Curricular changes resulting from conclusions drawn above**
   None because we concluded changes were not needed.

4. **Identify faculty members involved in reaching the conclusions drawn above**
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