Expected Outcome 1: Professional Development

Demonstrate professional development and networking skills at regional, national, or international meetings.

Assessment Method 1: Student Exit Survey

Assessment Method Description
The University administers a survey to graduating Ph.D. graduate students.

Findings
Four of 4 students reported preparing conference papers or posters. Four of 4 reported having a refereed journal article accepted while a student.

How did you use findings for improvement?

Additional Comments

Expected Outcome 2: Research

Conduct scientific research.

Assessment Method 1: Student Exit Survey

Assessment Method Description
The University administers a survey to graduating PhD graduate students.
Findings
Students (n=4) indicated that their graduate program prepared them to carry out research with average score of 3.0 (1=agree and 2=strongly agree).

How did you use findings for improvement?
Of the students responding, most indicate they feel prepared to conduct research. To improve our results, faculty could specifically encourage their students to complete the survey in order to get a higher response rate and more representative data. We could also include a question that asks “why or why not” to further describe their impression of their research skills.

Additional Comments

Expected Outcome 3: Teaching
Effectively teach at least a portion of an undergraduate course in Horticulture.

Assessment Method 1: Student Exit Survey

Assessment Method Description
The University administers a survey to graduating PhD graduate students.

Findings
Students (n=4) “agreed” (n=3) or “strongly agreed” (n=1) that their graduate program prepared them to teach.

How did you use findings for improvement?
Of the students responding, most indicate they feel prepared to teach. To improve our results, faculty could specifically encourage their students to complete the survey in order to get a higher response rate and more representative data. We could also include a question that asks “why or why not” to further describe their impression of their teaching skills.

Additional Comments