



Academic Program Review: June 1, 2004–May 31, 2005

Unit: Department of Biology

Part III Academic Program Review

Instructions:

Complete this section for the Program Review Committee recommendations not achieved prior to June 2004, as reported in Table I.C of previous annual assessment reports.

Undergraduate Program: Biology

Program Review Committee Recommendations (Numbering corresponds to original numbering in PRC Report)	Responses to Recommendations (Describe changes or improvements.)
2. Include the mission statement and goals of the Undergraduate Biology Program in future departmental publications and in the <i>Undergraduate Catalog</i> .	Mission statement and goals have been included in the undergraduate brochure and a mission statement has been placed in the <i>Undergraduate Catalog</i> .
3. In cooperation with the College of Science and Engineering, identify and cultivate additional sources of scholarship monies that will promote student recruitment and retention.	No changes or improvements.
4. Develop, implement and evaluate regularly an orientation program that can be used for recruitment and orientation of biology majors and minors.	No changes or improvements.
5. Evaluate regularly the effectiveness of the advisement process for its undergraduate students.	No changes or improvements.
7. Develop and implement a plan to phase out undergraduate teaching assistants.	More graduate students are employed as teaching assistants in AY2004-2005 than in previous years.
9. Systematically document the improvements in teaching effectiveness that have resulted from the evaluations of instruction in the undergraduate program.	No changes or improvements.
10. In cooperation with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, establish a mechanism for tracking biology graduates.	"Student News" portion of biology website maintained and list kept of graduates and their post-baccalaureate matriculation.

Graduate
Program:

Biology

Program Review Committee Recommendations (Numbering corresponds to original numbering in PRC Report)	Responses to Recommendations (Describe changes or improvements.)
3. Include the mission statement and goals for the Graduate Biology Program in departmental and University publications.	Mission statement and goals have been included in the graduate brochure and a mission statement has been placed in the <i>Graduate Catalog</i> .
4. Assess the needs of the community in the service region as well as the needs of the students in continuing their education and periodically consider any program modifications to meet those needs.	No changes or improvements.
5. Develop, implement and evaluate regularly an orientation program that can be used for recruitment and orientation of graduate biology students.	No changes or improvements.
6. Develop and implement procedures for the regular evaluation of the advisement process for graduate biology students.	All graduate students meet with Graduate Advisor upon matriculation into department.
9. Systematically document the improvements in teaching effectiveness that have resulted from the evaluations of instruction in the graduate program.	No changes or improvements.
10. In cooperation with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, establish a mechanism for tracking its graduates.	No changes or improvements.