COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REVIEW
ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORT

College	CoS
Department	Statistics and Biostatistics
Program Unit	
Reporting for Academic Year	2013-2014
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1. SELF-STUDY (about 1 page)

A. Five-year Review Planning Goals

The five year review includes planning goals for curriculum (3.1), students (3.2), faculty (3.3), and resources (3.4). To summarize, the curriculum plans include:
1. Updating our MS programs' curriculums
2. Offer required MS courses as graduate-only courses
3. Continue offering two sections of core graduate courses and grow our graduate program
4. Update our MS options to reflect demand
5. Enhance our BS program to reflect our SLO's and industry demands
The student plans include:
1. Grow our MS programs
2. Enhance and grow our BS program
3. Recruit community college students into our BS program
4. Increase the use of computation in courses (at all levels)
5. Continue teaching schedules that accommodate working students
6. Raise funds to increase our scholarship and leadership funds
Faculty plans include:
1. Anticipation of our junior faculty receiving tenure/promotion so that they can devote more time to program development and enhancement
2. Hire tenure-track faculty to replace recent attrition due to retirement and resignation
3. Hire faculty with expertise reflecting industry demands in Statistical Computation, Large Data Analysis, and Data Analytics
4. Increase our number of long-term lecturers
Resource plans include:
1. Upgrade computers for tenured/tenure-track faculty and lecturers
2. Explore the use of "clickers" in introductory statistics courses
3. Increasing our current 1.0 staff support to our former level of 1.75 staff support.

B. Five-year Review Planning Goals Progress

(Regarding 3.1) We once again offered the non-parametrics course (STAT 6872) as a "Seminar", tiered with the undergraduate course. We also offered a seminar course on "R Programming" in the Winter (STAT 6861); this course has been proposed as a regular course (STAT 6260) beginning in AY 2014-5. In addition, we are proposing two additional new courses: Data Visualization (STAT 6270) and Machine Learning and Data Mining (STAT 6650). In a concurrent change, the Department Faculty voted to remove STAT 6401 and the choice of MATH 3100 or 3300 from the required core for MS Statistics. Some of these courses are now required for some of the options. STAT 6401 was also removed from the required course list for MS Biostatistics.   The new courses were added to the list of elective courses for these degree programs. In light of these changes, a course number for a graduate non-parametric statistics was not added, as the Faculty felt the aforementioned additions would diminish the demand for it.

We continue to advise using Blackboard messages to majors and have orientation sessions with new and continuing students. This year, with Prof. Watnik serving as Senate Chair, Professor Eudey served as graduate advisors for MS Statistics; Professors Fan and Suess served as advisors for MS Biostatistics. Prof. Watnik continues to handle grad checks for all students. The Department successfully completed its hire, selecting Dr. Ayona Chatterjee, who will be begin on the tenure-track (with 2 years of service credit) in the Fall. Dr. Chatterjee has been a lecturer in the Department for the past 2 years.

2. SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT (about 1 page)

A. Program Student Learning Outcomes

Student learning outcomes for MS in Statistics are:
1. Apply statistical methodologies, including a) descriptive statistics and graphical displays, b) probability models for uncertainty, stochastic processes, and distribution theory, c) hypothesis testing and confidence intervals, d) ANOVA and regression models (including linear, and multiple linear) and analysis of residuals from models and trends.
2. Derive and understand basic theory underlying these methodologies
3. Formulate and model practical problems for solutions using these methodologies
4. Produce relevant computer output using standard statistical software and interpret the results appropriately
5. Communicate statistical concepts and analytical results clearly and appropriately to others; and
6. Understand theory, concepts, and terminology at a level that supports lifelong learning of related methodologies.

Student learning outcomes for MS in Biostatistics are:
1. Apply biostatistical methods to data, including (a) descriptive statistics, probability and graphical displays, (b) distributions, hypothesis testing and confidence intervals, and (c) uncertainty, likelihood, modeling and error analysis;
2. Derive basic theory and communicate to others results involving biostatistical data analysis;
3. Formulate problem solutions, produce appropriate computer code and to interpret results.

Student learning outcomes for BS in Statistics are:
1. Apply basic computational skill in descriptive statistics and graphical displays; hypothesis testing and confidence intervals; modeling and error analysis
2. Communicate to others results involving descriptive statistics and graphical displays; hypothesis testing and confidence intervals; modeling and error analysis
3.Analyze data using appropriate statistical computer software and to interpret the results covering descriptive statistics and graphical displays; hypothesis testing and confidence intervals; modeling and error analysis

Though the instructors for both courses changed in 2012-3, SAS continued to be used as there was consensus that increased use of SAS was beneficial to the students.

Our department regularly assesses introductory courses. In 2011-2, we attempted to integrate the multiple choice assessment into the web-based homework package. However, for some students, the plots did not appear on the screen properly and it was clear that some students were collaborating while taking the test. This year, the assessments were done in class. The introductory course assessment is a legacy from many years ago and the faculty has decided it needs a modernization. The Department updated the assessment slightly and anticipates broader changes next year.

3. STATISTICAL DATA (about 1 page)

Planning and Institutional Research produce program statistics annually in standard format. These statistics will be attached to the Annual Report of the Program Unit. This statistical document is expected to be approximately one page long and will contain the same data as required for the five-year review including student demographics of majors, student level of