Expected Outcomes: Maintain MS and improve fit with grad programs

Masters program students participate in and produce high quality funded research. Meet the needs of Masters’ student applicants by directing them toward the appropriate for them MS or MAG program. Revive the MBA with agribusiness.

Assessment methods

Method: Graduate Program Committee Evaluation

The Graduate Program Coordinating Committee met several times to identify how the program can be strengthened to attract better students and to improve class sequence that will ensure strong masters programs which also fit better with the PhD program. The MS program coordinator also explored collaborative opportunities with College of Business by meeting with Auburn University MBA Dean and discussing possibility of reviving the option of MBA in Agribusiness.

Findings:

The Graduate Program Coordinating Committee decided that current program design and administration is supportive to the overall graduate program. Some shortcomings of the current class offerings were identified.

How did you use findings for improvement?

Students interested in the MS but who would likely be more successful with MAG program should continue to be re-directed to this program. MS program improvement would built on improvements in the PhD program that were proposed and accepted by the AGEC faculty. We would continue to work on identifying better class sequence to strengthen the current MS programs as well as to possibly revive the MBA option.

Additional comments:

None