**Executive Summary of Program Assessment**

**Campus: MU**

**College/School:** CAFNR; Medicine

**Academic Unit:** Department of Biochemistry

**Date Submitted:** August 28, 2017

**Person Responsible for Success of Program:** Gerald Hazelbauer, Chair, Department of Biochemistry

**Person Submitted Executive Summary:**

Matthew Martens

Faculty Fellow for Academic Programs

**Degree Programs**

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| **Degree (e.g., BS, MA, PhD)** | **Degree Program** | **Enrollment** | **Number of Degrees Awarded** |
| **Most Recent Fall Semester****(**2015**)** | **5-Year Fall Semester Average** | **Most Recent Academic Year****(2015)** | **5-Year Average** |
| BS | Biochemistry | 356 | 392 | 73 | 67 |
| MS | Biochemistry | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| PhD | Biochemistry | 44 | 45 | 7 | 5 |

**Changes Since Last Review**

* Decrease in core faculty members
* Decreases in external grant funding, due in part to more competition and lower pay-lines at NIH and NSF. However, the department continues to compare favorably to peer institutions in terms of external funding and other markers of scholarly activity.

**Strategies or Plans for Improving Program**

* Recruiting a top scholar for the department chair position, which is being vacated due to an impending retirement.
* Securing permission to hire several new junior faculty members.
* Seeking opportunities for development efforts that can directly improve program quality (e.g., endowed faculty positions)