**Executive Summary of Program Assessment**

**Campus:** MU

**College/School:** CAFNR

**Academic Unit:** Rural Sociology

**Date Submitted:** March 11, 2015

**Person Responsible for Success of Program:** Jill Findeis, Director of Division of Applied Social Sciences

**Person Submitted Executive Summary:**

Patricia Okker, Senior Associate Provost

**Degree Programs**

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| **Degree (e.g., BS, MA, PhD)** | **Degree Program** | **Enrollment** | | **Number of Degrees Awarded** | |
| **Most Recent Fall Semester**  **(**2013**)** | **5-Year Fall Semester Average** | **Most Recent Academic Year**  **(2013)** | **5-Year Average** |
| MS | Rural Sociology | 10 | 7.8 | 5 | 3 |
| PhD | Rural Sociology | 18 | 17.8 | 5 | 3.2 |

**Changes Since Last Review**

* Increased emphasis on interdisciplinary collaborations
* Increased student undergraduate student credit hours by 31% (while campus grew at 13% rate)
* Doctoral program re-organized to focus on sustainable development.

**Strategies or Plans for Improving Program**

* Increase citations of tenure-track faculty 15% over the next five years.
* Increase overall level of competitive grants received by tenure-track faculty by 15% over the next five years.
* Expand by 10 the number of communities where are faculty are providing economic development support.
* Increase enrollment 20% in undergraduate courses at the 2000 level and above.