I. Strengths

1. Healthy total enrollment in ANSC courses.

2. Well developed and clearly articulated planning and evaluation process.

3. Teaching effectiveness as shown in faculty awards, scholarly productivity, extramural funding, SRIs and achievement of SLOs (student research, internships, graduate employment and graduate school entrance).

II. Weaknesses

1. Enrollment decline.

2. Low freshman retention rate.

3. Need for additional funding to maintain teaching effectiveness through experiential learning in state-of-the-art laboratory settings. (However, the program is addressing these weaknesses through targeted recruitment efforts to increase enrollment and enhance retention.)

III. Recommendations

1. Modify Overview (I-01) to highlight impact of learner outcomes upon goals of the program. The learner outcomes are well delineated later (II-04). A few sentences on how they support the program goals would add weight to the report.

2. Continue well-developed efforts at recruitment and retention.

3. The committee recommends unconditional continuation of the Animal Science program.

One-Year Follow-Up

Unconditional continuation.