QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES ALUMNI

Directions: Please answer each question as accurately as possible. The questions can be completed by checking the appropriate answer, circling the item best describing your opinion, or by filling in a written answer. All answers will be kept strictly confidential. You will be asked questions in the areas of assessment of educational programs, quality of instruction, academic and career advising, extra-curricular activities, employment information, and demographics.

SECTION I: ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

1. In general, how would you rate your educational preparation received for your career from the following categories of classes:
   A. Basic sciences  
   B. Math (including statistics)  
   C. Computer related classes  
   D. Economics  
   E. Basic social sciences  
   F. Arts and Humanities
   
   - Poor  - Fair  - Good  - Very Good  - Excellent  - Does Not Apply

2. How would you rate the overall quality of elective courses you chose in relation to your career?
   - Poor  - Fair  - Good  - Very Good  - Excellent  - Does Not Apply

3. What do you think needs the most improvement within the academic major you pursued in the College?

4. Please circle one response that reflects your opinion about each statement: (SD = Strongly Disagree, D = Disagree, N = Neither Agree or Disagree A = Agree, SA = Strongly Agree, NA = Not Applicable)

   My education within the College at MSU:
   A. Relates to my present job  
   B. Was current in relation to issues within my field  
   C. Prepared me to be a problem solver when faced with new situations  
   D. Prepared me to work easily with others  
   E. Prepared me to be a leader  
   F. Taught me skills for my present job  
   G. Taught me the importance of being motivated

   - SD  - D  - N  - A  - SA  - NA

SECTION VI: DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Sex  
   - Male  - Female

2. What year were you born? ________

3. What year did you graduate from MSU?  

4. What was your major? Also, please list any dual majors, emphasis areas, or specializations.

Looking back on your overall experiences at MSU, is there anything you could have learned or known that would have helped you after graduation?

12. What is your present position?

13. In general, please explain what type of organization you work for?
4. What was the starting annual salary of the position you took upon graduation?

- $0-10,000
- $25,000-34,999
- $45,000-54,999
- More than $65,000
- $10,001-24,999
- $35,000-44,999
- $55,000-64,999

5. What is your current annual salary?

- $0-10,000
- $25,000-34,999
- $45,000-54,999
- More than $65,000
- $10,001-24,999
- $35,000-44,999
- $55,000-64,999

6. Please rate your satisfaction with your current position in terms of each of the following areas:

- Challenging work
- Opportunities for advancement
- Overall working conditions
- Salary
- Your own job performance

7. What is your overall satisfaction with your educational preparation from the College?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent

8. Please list the course(s) you did not take but could have helped you with your career.

9. Please list the courses you took at MSU that have been the most valuable in your career.

10. Which of the following statements best describes your present position:

- Employed in the occupation which I prepared for at MSU
- Employed in an occupation not related to my preparation at MSU
- Not employed

11. What is your assessment of career opportunities for new College graduates with your major(s) over the next five years?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent

5. How well did your College program prepare you in each of the following aspects of work:

- Writing skills
- Oral communication skills
- Math skills
- Computer skills
- Technical knowledge
- Getting along with people
- Working in teams
- Knowledge of career opportunities in your field
- Ethical standards

6. What is your overall satisfaction with your educational preparation from the College?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent

SECTION II: QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION

1. In general, how would you rate the following areas concerning the quality of instruction throughout the College:

- Teacher’s knowledge of subject areas
- Teaching skills
- Classroom discipline
- Helping students outside the classroom
- Evaluation and grading of student’s work
- Classroom assignments

SECTION III: ACADEMIC AND CAREER ADVISING

1. My academic advisor:

- Helped me find my first position
- Helped me decide the courses to pursue
- Helped me prepare my resume
- Helped me with interviewing skills
- Was easily accessible

Please circle one response that reflects your opinion about each statement: (SD = Strongly Disagree, D = Disagree, A = Agree, N = Neither Agree or Disagree, SA = Strongly Agree, NA = Not Applicable)
2. Did you use the services offered by MSU Career Services and Placement when looking for a career?

☐ Yes ☐ No, go to question 3

A. What services did you use (please check all that apply):
☐ Career advising ☐ Job listings ☐ Resume critique
☐ On-campus interviews ☐ Other ____________________________

B. How would you rate the overall assistance you received:

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

3. Do you have any other comments related to academic or career advising?

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SECTION IV: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Did you participate in an internship?  ☐ Yes ☐ No, go to question 2

A. Who assisted you with finding an internship?
☐ Academic advisor ☐ Self
☐ Faculty ☐ Other, please specify ____________________________

Please circle one response that reflects your opinion about each statement: (SD = Strongly Disagree, D = Disagree, A = Agree, N = Neither Agree or Disagree, SA = Strongly Agree, NA = Not Applicable)

B. Your internship:

A. Was useful in preparing you for your first position  SD D N A SA NA
B. Helped you with deciding on your first position  SD D N A SA NA
C. Helped you become more attractive to employers  SD D N A SA NA
D. Was a waste of your time  SD D N A SA NA

C. What recommendations would you make about internships?

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A. What services did you use (please check all that apply):
☐ Career advising ☐ Job listings ☐ Resume critique
☐ On-campus interviews ☐ Other ____________________________

B. How would you rate the overall assistance you received:

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

3. Do you have any other comments related to academic or career advising?

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SECTION V: EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

1. How long after graduation did you begin a position related to your undergraduate degree?

☐ less than 1 month ☐ 6 to 12 months ☐ Never
☐ 1 to 3 months ☐ 12 to 24 months ☐ Not employed
☐ 3 to 6 months ☐ More than 24 months

2. What is the nature of your present, primary employment? Please check all that apply.

☐ Full-time ☐ Self-Employed
☐ Part-time ☐ Unemployed

3. How many full time offers did you have at the time of your graduation?

☐ One ☐ Three ☐ None
☐ Two ☐ Four or more

__________________________________________________________________________
Please use the space below to share any other thoughts you may have to assist in the improvement of the College undergraduate programs.

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire!

Perceptions of Michigan State University Alumni Toward Their Undergraduate Education in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed envelope to:

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