## M.S. Nutrition Science Program Learning Outcomes

1. **Overview and Context:**
The Master’s degree in Nutrition Science at SJSU is the oldest graduate degree in the CSU system. The graduate program allow students to pursue a MS degree emphasis in Nutritional Science, Food Science, Nutrition Education, Gerontological Nutrition, Foodservice Management, Packaging, and General Graduate. All graduate students must HPROF 295, NuFS 298/299 and must present their Project/Thesis in a publication format and prepare a presentation poster and abstract.

2. **Use of Prior Assessment/Closing the Loop:**

Previous survey results have indicated that our graduate program were meeting the PLOs.
3. **Assessment Data:**

The last assessment of research presentations was in Spring 2012. That year 23 students completed a thesis or project and 13 were accepted and shown at state and/or national conferences. This academic year 12 were accepted out of 32 projects and thesis were accepted and shown.

4. **Alignment of Course and Program Learning Outcomes:**

The course and PLO was aligned with NuFS 298/299.

5. **Recommendations for Student Learning:**

In Fall of 2012 the continuous enrollment for graduate students was instituted. These changes lead to an increase of additional graduate student finishing their projects/thesis concurrently with a decrease in graduate advisors. To maintain a reasonable ratio of graduate students to advisors the department was, in Spring 2012, more selective with admitting graduate student for Fall 2013.

6. **Plans 2013-14 Academic Year:**

Ratio of graduate students to faculty will be monitored and admittance numbers will be adjusted.