

## **Graduating Students' Focus Group and Exit Interview Questions**

Date:

Student's name (OPTIONAL):

Degree earned:

You can answer the following questions by email. You can respond directly to me. For anonymity you can send the response to Lisa Washburn at [lwashburn@uidaho.edu](mailto:lwashburn@uidaho.edu). Alternatively, you can print this out and write in your responses and return it to Lisa.

The four questions below will form the initial basis of our focus group discussion, but a written response would be helpful. Optional, additional questions are on pages 2 and 3.

### Key Questions:

What were the best parts of your learning experience in PSES? Why?

What were the worst parts of your learning experience in PSES? Why?

What components do you expect to serve you well professionally? Why?

What parts do you feel were less critical for your career? Why?

### Additional Questions:

The following questions expand upon the information sought above. Any that you choose to answer will be helpful. Your input will help us as we work to enhance the learning experience for future students. There is some overlap with the four key questions above, but the following questions are more specifically targeted and will supply additional information.

### Personal Background

What is your home town?

What is your background? (rural/urban, agricultural/commercial, etc.)

Have you attended any other colleges or universities? Which one(s)?

What attracted you to UI? CALS? PSES?

When did you first enroll at UI?

Were you a full- or part-time student?

Did you take any breaks in your program? If so, why?

### Course Work

Of all the courses you took on campus, which were your favorites and why?

Of all the courses you took in PSES, which were your favorites and why?

Of all the courses you took on campus, which were your least favorite and why?

Of all the courses you took in PSES, which were your least favorite and why?

Of all the courses you took in PSES, which were most challenging and why?

Of all the courses you took in PSES, where did you learn the most? Why?

Of all the courses you took in PSES, where did you learn the least? Why?

### Advising

How do you feel about the advising (setting course plans, etc.) you received in PSES?

How do you feel about the mentoring (setting career plans, etc.) you received in PSES?

### General Departmental

What did you like best about the department?

What did you like least about the department?

Did you participate in student clubs?

Did you get any financial aid from the department?

Did you work while you were in school? Full-time or part-time?

What changes would you suggest that we make in the department teaching program?

What would you do differently if you could do it over again?

### Your Future Plans

What are your immediate plans? Employment or continuing education?

If education, what are your goals?

What are your long-term employment goals?

### Future contact information

If you are willing, what would be the best way to contact you in the future? We would like to see if you think our program met your needs after you are in another degree program or employed.