WOOD SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
GRADUATE STUDENT EXIT INTERVIEW

This is an off-the record conversation to help the faculty improve our educational programs in WS&E at OSU. I will not share your specific comments if they can be attributed to you, unless you permit me to do so. I will synthesize your views with those of other students in reporting results to the faculty at the end of each academic year.

Here are some of the typical questions that I ask in the exit interview. It will be most helpful if you can consider your responses before we meet. Thanks for your help!

STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____

1. How did you find your way to WS&E at OSU? What was it that interested you in WS&E?

2. Of the WSE courses you took as part of your program of study:

   a) Which ones really stood out in your mind as very good and why?

   b) Which WS&E courses ranked at the bottom of your experience, and why?

3. What was your greatest challenge during your graduate program at OSU?

4. What was your experience with the faculty in WS&E

   a) How would you describe your relationship with your major advisor? Did you receive effective mentoring and advising? Was he/she generally available? Were there specific problems that were not well addressed?

   b) Were there other faculty or staff in WS&E who were particularly helpful to you either in your program or personally? If so, who, and how did they contribute?

5. Did you have difficulty finding and understanding the OSU and department degree requirements and other policies about your program?

6. How would you describe the academic environment you found in WS&E. Was it collegial, stimulating, helpful, stifling, too formal or informal, cliquish, etc. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

7. Did the college and department support staff meet your needs (secretarial, help desk, technical, etc)?

8. Was the office and lab space provided to you adequate? Suggestions for improvement? How frequently did you use your office?

9. Was the equipment available to you for instruction or research adequate? Was it generally available? Suggestions for improvement?

10. Overall, are you satisfied with your decision to major in our program? Would you recommend your degree program to others?

11. If there was one thing that you change about your experience in WS&E what would it be?

12. Any comments about areas I didn't cover?

13. What is next step for you?

14. If you are taking a job, what is your starting salary?