Date: Friday December 14
To: Office of the Provost
From: Rich Margerum, Professor and Head, School of PPPM
Re: Annual Assessment Reports for Graduate Programs
Cc: Liska Chan, Associate Dean, College of Design

The School of PPPM has three graduate programs that are professionally accredited (or are in the process of being accredited).

- Master of Community and Regional Planning
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Nonprofit Management (new accreditation organization)

This accreditation involves a 6-9 month process that includes:

- Accreditation report prepared by the unit documenting:
  - Degree requirements
  - Learning objectives as they relate to professional standards
  - Strategic direction or plans for the program
  - Strategies for assessing and evaluating program and student success
- Accreditation team review
- Accreditation team site visit (site visit varies by program)
- Review by accrediting organization
- Outcomes monitoring reports are required:
  - Master of Community and Regional Planning: annual report
  - Master of Public Administration: annual report except in accreditation years
  - Master of Nonprofit Management: no annual report required

The School of PPPM monitors all of its programs through several processes:

- Student Advisory Board
  - Meetings 1-2 times per quarter to discuss program issues
  - Provide forum for discussing program concerns
- Program meetings: faculty in each of the programs meets regularly to discuss
  - Review program feedback
  - Curriculum issues
  - Student progress and potential program needs
- Annual survey of all students
  - Climate and school questions
  - Questions related to learning objectives
Other questions related to the program
- Survey of alumni approximately 3-5 years after graduation
  - Employment status
  - Questions related to learning objectives
- School of PPPM Strategic Plan
  - Plan reviewed annually that guides strategic direction across units
  - Includes review of survey data
    - Student survey feedback
    - Alumni survey feedback
    - Graduate school surveys
    - Other feedback (campus climate, PPPM Equity Initiative)

Attached you will find the following reports for our programs

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