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Dr. Walter Piegorsch  
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Dear Dr. Piegorsch:

With this memorandum I certify that the Department of Geosciences supports the construction of a University-wide Graduate Certificate in Statistics. The Certificate will likely bring a variety of new students to our programs that are interested in more in-depth/focused study of statistics, and certainly is a mechanism by which the University can extend and enhance its mission to educate Arizona's citizenry. The department will offer the course listed below on an ongoing basis to serve as a possible elective for the Graduate Certificate in Statistics:

GEOS 585A -- Applied Time Series Analysis

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or my staff if you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Susan Beck  
Professor and Head

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