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Dr. Walter Piegorsch
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Dear Dr. Piegorsch;

With this memorandum I certify that the Department of Systems and Industrial Engineering supports the construction of a University-wide Graduate Certificate in Statistics. The Certificate will likely bring a variety of new students to our programs who are interested in more in-depth/focused study of this modern science, 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 courses listed below on an ongoing basis, provided we have sufficient enrollment and faculty to teach them, to serve as possible electives for the Graduate Certificate in Statistics:

SIE 522 -- Engineering Decision Making Under Uncertainty
SIE 530 -- Engineering Statistics
SIE 531 -- Simulation Modeling and Analysis

I look forward to your list of courses in the GIDP in Statistics for our Masters and Ph.D. students in addition to the courses we offer. These are important contributions to the University of Arizona’s Graduate Program. 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,

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