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Dear Dr. Piegorsch,

With this memorandum I certify that the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology 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 course listed below on an ongoing basis to serve as a possible elective for the Graduate Certificate in Statistics:

ECOL 518 -- Spatio-temporal Ecology

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,

Richard E. Michod  
Professor and Head  
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology