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Dr. Walter Piegorsch
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Dear Dr. Piegorsch:

With this memorandum I certify that the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences supports the construction of a University-wide Graduate Certificate in Statistics. The Certificate will attract 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 college will offer the courses listed below on a regular basis to serve as possible electives for the Graduate Certificate in Statistics:

AREC 517 -- Introductory Mathematical Statistics for Economists
AREC 518 -- Introduction to Econometrics
AREC 549 -- Applied Econometric Analysis
AREC 559 -- Advanced Applied Econometrics
RNR 613 -- Applied Biostatistics

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,

Eugene G. Sander
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Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

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