



TO: Academic Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Change in the name of the Department of Statistics, Faculty of Arts and Science

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Name changes in academic divisions (excluding namings) are considered by the Academic Board and confirmed by the Executive Committee. (5.2.7)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a proposal to change the name of the existing Department of Statistics in the Faculty of Arts and Science to the Department of Statistical Sciences, effective immediately upon final university governance approval.

The change in name is seen by the proponents as the appropriate reflection of the expanding scope of faculty research, the changing nature of student interests, and the evolution of the discipline as a whole.

This proposal was subject to extensive consultation with cognate units on all three campuses as detailed in the proposal. The names of the Department's existing programs including the Statistics BSc (Specialist, Major and Minor); Actuarial Science BSc (Specialist and Major); Applied Statistics BSc (Specialist); Statistics and Mathematics BSc (Specialist); Statistics MSc and PhD will remain unchanged.

The proposal was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Science Faculty Council on 1 October 2012.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

Any financial resources required to implement the name change will be absorbed within the normal annual Faculty budget allocation for promotional and communications projects and materials and office supplies. The name change will be incorporated in external communications in the normal course of updating such materials.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Academic Board approve, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee:

THAT the name of the Department of Statistics in the Faculty of Arts and Science be changed to the Department of Statistical Sciences effective immediately upon approval.