



**COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

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To: Dylan Rodriguez  
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Xuan Liu, Chair  
Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Re: [Campus Review] Proposed Degree Program: Joint Statistics BS /  
Statistics MS Five Year Combined-Degree Program

The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion reviewed proposed Joint Statistics BS / Statistics MS Five Year Combined-Degree Program. The Committee applauds the inclusion of Contributions to Diversity (page 2) and recommends better clarity on the proposal language under this section:

"We plan to make more recruitment effort in California, such as in California state university and local community colleges and encourage underrepresented students to apply our BS+1 program."

Clearly, it makes sense to recruit students from community colleges who transfer to UCR and then complete BS+1 program. However, what does it mean to recruit students from California State University? Is the goal of the program to get them to transfer to UCR to complete their BS+1 degree? Should the Department of Statistics write this as an official recruiting strategy for their new program? The language could also inadvertently suggest that the B.S.+1 program means that the B.S. portion occurs at a California State campus, while the M.S. portion occurs at UCR/CNAS, and we don't think that's the case.

The Committee would also like clarification on whether this is a combined B.S.+M.S. program for CNAS students in Statistics and a B.S.+1 program for CNAS students in other majors (where the +1 is an M.S. in statistics).