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Executive Committee, School of Public Policy

RE: [Comments] *Proposed Computational Data Science BS + MS 5-year degree.*

Date: June 18, 2026

The Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy has reviewed the ***Proposed Proposed Computational Data Science BS + MS 5-year degree program.*** We appreciate the effort and opportunities surrounding the program and are generally supportive of it.

We do have one question and one suggestion. First, we are wondering how well CS/STAT 108 substitutes for CS/STAT 212 and how such a substitution squares with Senate Regulation 762 (that limits the use of undergraduate courses to substitute for graduate courses since it seems that students can take CS/STAT 108 and receive credit for CS/STAT 212.

The suggest is that the proposal suggests this might be an attractive option for community college students, which as feel would be a real plus. Yet it might help to include a roadmap for how a community college transfer would go about completing the requirements for this program since it currently seems written for students who enter UCR in their first year.

Again, though, we are very supportive of this.