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Graduate Program Review

President's Decisions and Recommendations

Maintain with Conditions

Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics
 Department: Expand
 Dean Kent: Retain
 Graduate Program Review Team: Maintain program at current size and scope

Recommendation: Provost Delene: Closure
 Appeals Committee: Motion to support the appeal failed on unanimous vote
 President Bailey: Maintain with conditions and a review in 2009

Enrollment: 03-04 students
 04-05 students
 05-06 students

Rationale: I acknowledge the concern expressed by the Appeals Committee "that the size of the undergraduate program, combined with the advising and mentoring necessary at the graduate level, has placed an unsupportable strain on the department's eight faculty members." The program must develop a formal plan for enrollment management, program quality assessment and external partnerships to support the Statistics Consulting Lab.

The doctoral assistants in Statistics provide a great service to the University in teaching undergraduate statistics courses.

Maintain with conditions. During academic year 2006-07, program must develop and initiate a plan based on department's 06-07 General Fund budget that addresses three issues raised in the review process:

Recommendation: enrollment management, program quality assessment, and external collaboration to support the Statistics Consulting Lab. Progress toward achieving plan objectives will be monitored with full review in 2009. No board action required.

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