This is an amended response to Proposal 85509.

After learning more about the proposed changes included in this proposal, I find that I cannot support it. One component of the proposal is to drop from the degree requirements the class Statistics 351 and replace it with a proposed class in forestry biometrics. (The proposal for the class is made in proposal 85365.) The syllabus for this class is entirely statistical and mathematical in nature, and I have recommended that it not be approved. It will be of lasting value to OSU students to be taught math and statistics by instructors with mastery in the area. This aspect of the proposal should be reformulated by the proposers.

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