Hi all,

I just met with Ginny Lesser and Mina Ossiander to discuss options for statistics preparation for our students so that they will be ready for Mensuration in the first term of the proposed Pro Schools and I received some good news.

Statistics has put in a major effort in the last year to revamp Stat 201 in order to improve its usefulness for students like ours – in response to concerns similar to those you have expressed in the past. In particular, it is now more closely aligned with the Mth 243 that is taught at community colleges. It is a 4-credit class. The additional credit is a recitation in which students will get hands-on practice solving problems with access to a GTA in groups of 30 (I believe that’s right).

The new Stat 201 is just being taught for the first time this year. I think we should give it a try. Unless I hear otherwise from you all, we will remove the proposed FOR 221 from our Professional School proposals and add Stat 201. We will retain FOR 321 as a 5-credit course and use that 5th credit to provide a refresher in the particular statistical tools that will be applied in mensuration and other forestry courses. We can see how that is working for us after we’ve had the pro school in place for a few years. But I am optimistic that this will meet our needs.

I’ve attached the syllabus for the revamped Stat 201 for you to consider. Please let me know if you have any further concerns with the above plan.

Best to you, Claire

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