

## Re: Responses due TODAY, March 20, 2018

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Ps.: Randy, you may forward the lines below to the "Restructuring Administrators".

Hi or To whom it may concern in Administrative Channel at SIU,

I, Henri Schurz, full term tenured faculty at Department of Mathematics of SIU, do not agree with the current form of the proposal controlled by "Bhaskar and his friends" (it is easy to figure out who those friends are, look at who benefits from what!!!).

The current proposal will lead to an acceleration of currently observed decay of our department and will help to damage further our good reputation we used to have.

Especially, I do not agree with

\*(1) The choice of the new title "School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences".

There are not many with the name "School of Mathematics" at world wide known universities.

In fact the majority has the title "department of mathematics". Besides, it is

pure disparate treatment discrimination to choose such a new title. Every

major area of math has the same right to ask for changing into:

"Mathematics, Group Theory, Number Theory, Algebra, Numerics, Probability, ODE, PDE, etc..."

Statistics is now lifted to be equal to mathematics. However, our department statisticians

(almost all) do not do any "real" mathematics. In fact they belong to the lowest academically

active members of our department (at least it used to be). For example, they have no single

weekly active research seminars for decades and they almost cannot publish their results

in mathematically oriented journals (compare several leading math databases)! It is insulting

to anybody who works actively outside statistical areas. With changing a title you CANNOT

gain any significant asset to our department and role of mathematics at SIU. School in its name

also means that we move to "ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEHAVIOR" at SIU! There is a striking

difference between schools at elementary level and departments at universities.

Moreover, "Statistical Sciences" further declassifies our true mathematical work to "Applied Sciences"

not belonging to universities or similar. It is obvious disparate treatment discrimination what you

suggest here!

Counter Proposal for Name: Leave "Department of Mathematics" as it is at SIU and

move the applied SIU-quality-ruining statisticians to psychology department or any other

Applied Statistics program where they should belong to.

(2) The lack of asking for positions and money to improve and regain the former strength of our department by "Bhaskar and friends" proposal will hurt our academic future and lead to further disporportional development at our department.

(3) There are some ideas about program extensions in their proposal. But all of them are not well thought and not worked out in full depth and their consequences.

(4) There is an obvious unethical CONFLICT OF INTEREST since the main directing positions of new proposed school are all suggested to be taken by same current persons, namely the chair, associate chair, undergraduate and graduate heads are all the same. There should be a new qualified selection of those candidates after the new total school personal has been chosen and extended to full scale as a mathematics department should be.

(5) The current statistics faculty is controlling the fate of our department in an unethical fashion already now, as proven by their recent proposals and actions!

(6) We need more financial resources for students and faculty.

(7) Nobody from SIU administrators listens and helps to process my full counter proposal.

(8) The true problems at SIU and with declining reputation of SIU are not attacked at all!

Sincerely

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