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Subject: Update on CASNR/IANR Statistics Instruction and Consulting Support

Dear Colleagues,

To help ensure clarity, continuity, and alignment for our students, academic programs, and research efforts, we would like to share an update on statistics instruction and statistical consulting to support research that CASNR/IANR will be offering as a direct outcome of the recent university-wide budget reduction process.

The following undergraduate degree pathways will continue to be supported through CASNR:

- CASNR B.S. degree pathways
- B.S. in Mathematics with a Statistics and Data Science option – CAS
- B.S. in Data Science – CAS and CoE
- B.A. and B.S. in Actuarial Science – CoB and CAS

The specific courses supporting these undergraduate pathways that will continue to be offered include:

- STAT 212: Principles of Study Design
- STAT 218: Introduction to Statistics (ACE 3)
- STAT 318: Introduction to Statistics II
- STAT 380: Statistics and Applications (ACE 3)
- Statistical Methods I (400/800 course to be developed)
- Statistical Methods II (400/800 course to be developed)
- STAT 450: Introduction to Regression Analysis
- STAT 462: Introduction to Mathematical Statistics I: Distribution Theory
- STAT 463: Introduction to Mathematical Statistics II: Statistical Inference

In addition, graduate-level courses essential to student success and research support will continue to be offered, including core coursework in statistical methods and experimental design (i.e., STAT 801 and STAT 802), along with advanced offerings in modeling, probability, and inference (STAT 870, STAT 882, and STAT 883).

The statistical consulting services provided by the SC3L will continue without interruption, supporting research design, analysis, and collaboration across IANR.

Erin Blankenship, Reka Howard, and I would be happy to meet in March to discuss this model further, answer questions, and support colleges as they align advising, curriculum planning, and statistical consulting needs.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students and advancing UNL's academic and research missions during this transition.

Warm regards,
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