

November 8, 2023

Dr. Remus Floricel, Department Head
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Dear Dr. Floricel:

Thank you for meeting with the members of CCAM on October 2, 2023, and providing your verbal response to the academic unit review for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. We appreciate that your department has begun giving consideration to the 40+ recommendations made by the review team and has prioritized and engaged with some of the recommendations that are reasonably or easily actionable.

We want to begin by recognizing, as did the external report, the good work being done in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Members of the committee commented that the new degree in Data Science is an exciting opportunity and the committee hopes that the necessary resources are there to ensure its success. The committee also made note of the department's recent focus on relations and experiential learning with industry and encourages the department to continue developing and growing this focus.

Recognizing that the external report contains many recommendations, including some that would require major changes, the committee cautions the department not to re-invent itself simply to meet all the recommendations in the report. That being said, the committee encourages the department to carefully and collaboratively consider all of the recommendations in the report, including important recommendations in regards to the graduate programs offered by the department. The committee also counsels the Department to seek engaging and meaningful collaborations with the Faculties of Education and Engineering and Applied Science in regards to courses and/or degrees and to act upon the recommendations around promoting the Actuarial Science program, which the reviewers highlighted as an important opportunity for the department. While the Committee recognizes the department's strong ties with FNU and its ongoing Indigenization initiative led by the Dean of Science, the department should also work on its goals and commitment to reconciliation and Indigenous engagement, including cultivating meaningful collaboration. As the department collaboratively works through the report, our committee encourages your department to use the University of Regina's 2020-2025 All Our Relations, *kahkiyaw kiwâhkômâkaninawak* as your guide.

On behalf of CCAM, we want to again thank you for meeting with us. We look forward to the department's written response to the External Review Report as well as the follow up visit in 18 months.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any assistance.

Sincerely,



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