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Dear Crystal,

Here are some comments from Glen Meeden, Director of the School of Statistics, about the proposed course IE 2011:

I am writing in response to the proposed new IE course 2011. First an observation and then a suggestion.

For many years we have been teaching Stat 3021 which is required by many engineering departments. It is a 3 credit course which covers about half of the topics in the syllabus of the new course. Even allowing for four credits we believe that it is impossible to do a good job covering all the proposed topics resulting in an inferior course.

We believe a better idea would be to require Stat 3021 and then have the new course focus on the topics in the last half of the syllabus. We have no such course and we believe such a course could be attractive to students outside of IE and even to some of our undergraduate majors.

I will be at the meeting tomorrow but I will be about a half hour late because of other commitments.

Bill Sudderth