

Statement in support of UNCG's mathematics PhD program

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To: Stephen Tate <srtate@uncg.edu>

Dear Dr. Tate-

Greetings. I am writing to share a statement in support of UNCG's mathematics PhD program to be passed on to chancellor Franklin Gilliam. My statement is below.

Dear Chancellor Gilliam,

I am writing to share my thoughts on the potential closure of UNCG's Ph.D. program in Computational Mathematics. Even if the substantial benefit of UNCG's program to UNCG, the state of North Carolina, and the mathematics profession as a whole is ignored, closing the Ph.D. program with the goal of better supporting students in lower-division math and statistics courses is shooting UNCG in the foot. Mathematics graduate students are a very cost-effective way to recruit excellent instructional support staff to support the success of students in lower-division courses. Wake Forest uses our math graduate students in this way, and as a direct effect, we have had excellent student success in our lowest level math courses.

Best,

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