

**Faculty Senate statement on the proposal from Dean Crawford to create the
Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics**

March 2, 2010

The Faculty Senate was asked on February 17, 2010 to provide feedback on this detailed proposal. The Academic Affairs Committee appreciates the efforts of Dean Crawford to be accessible to the committee on very short notice. The Faculty Senate agrees with the need to increase the footprint of applied mathematics, computational mathematics, and statistics at Notre Dame. However the proposal being submitted to Academic Council to create a Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics has not been fully vetted with members of the Department of Mathematics nor has the Faculty Senate had enough advanced notice to evaluate carefully the substance and the competing claims about the process associated with the development and dissemination of this proposal. Therefore, the Faculty Senate recommends that the vote scheduled for March 18th be postponed to allow the Faculty Senate to provide meaningful feedback on this proposal.