

Motion/statement

The department of Teacher Education wishes to give careful and constructive consideration to Dean Alfano's plan to create new structures and initiatives in order to enhance Teacher Preparation in SEPS and further interdisciplinary links between departments. At this point the department neither endorses nor rejects the dean's plan. The dean's plan calls for extreme changes including closing our department, creating a new department and moving more than half of the faculty to other departments. It therefore requires careful deliberation among all stakeholders including at least four departments. Since three of the department's senior faculty are on sabbatical and three others are up for tenure and promotion, the department would like to establish a process of reviewing pertinent research, discussing, and deliberating this proposal during the fall 2014 semester when all our faculty will be present and more secure in their positions.