EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

1 November 2012

A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee will be held on 1 November 2012 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room)

I. Approval of the minutes of the 4 October 2012 meeting (see below)

II. Subcommittee Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee (Ed Reeve)

1. Course Approvals

2. The Department of Applied Economics requests the discontinuation of the Plan C in the MS Degree in Applied Economics and to create a Master of Applied Economics (see below)

3. The Department of Economics and Finance requests the discontinuation of the Plan C option in the Master of Science and Master of Arts degrees in Economics (see below)

4. The School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education requests the discontinuation of the Plan C in M.S. degree in Agricultural Systems Technology (AST) and to create a Master of Education in Career and Technical Education (CTE) (see below)

5. The School of Teacher Education and Leadership requests the discontinuation of specializations in EdD and PhD: Management Information Systems, Instructional Technology, Occupational and Adult Education and Special Education (see below)

6. The School of Teacher Education and Leadership requests the discontinuation of the MA degrees in Elementary Education and Secondary Education (see below)

7. The Department of Electrical and Computer Education requests a reduction in the number of credits required for the PhD in Electrical Engineering (see below)
8. The Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology requests the approval to offer a 36 credit Advanced Standing option to the Master of Social Work program (see below)

B. Academic Standards Subcommittee (David Hole)

No Report

C. General Education Subcommittee (Norm Jones)

GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

October 16, 2012 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room
Present: Kathy Chudoba, Business; Norm Jones, Chair; Cathy Gerber, Secretary (representing, Michele Hillard); Wendy Holliday, Library; Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources; Charlie Huenemann, CHaSS; Christian Thrapp, ASUSU President; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Scott Henrie, USU Eastern; Larry Smith, Provost’s Office; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Brock Dethier, English; Vince Lafferty, Regional Campuses; Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts; Dean Adams, Engineering; Brian McCuskey, English (teaching class); Rhonda Miller, Communications; Mary Leavitt, Advising

Absent: Michelle Larson, Honors; Dick Mueller, Science; Laura Gelfand, Art; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Lee Rickords, Agriculture; John Mortensen, Student Services; Shelley Lindauer, FCHD

Call to Order - Norm Jones

Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2012
Motion to approve made by Cindy Dewey, seconded by Dean Adams

Course Approvals
ARTH 2640 (BHU) WITHDRAWN .............................................Charlie Huenemann/Brian McCuskey

CS 3450 (CI) APPROVED ...............................................................Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Cindy Dewey, seconded by Dean Adams
HIST 3560 (CI/DHA) PENDING CI/APPROVED DHA...... Rhonda Miller/Charlie Huenemann
Waiting on information for CI
Motion to approve DHA made by Charlie Huenemann, seconded by Rhonda Miller

LAEP 3700 (CI) APPROVED.......................................................... Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Cindy Dewey, seconded by Dean Adams

NDFS 5210 (CI) PENDING ..............................................................Rhonda Miller
Waiting on information

NDFS 5410 (CI) PENDING..............................................................Rhonda Miller
Waiting on information

Course Removals

Information items
THEA 1030 (BHU)(inactivate).......................................................... Leslie Brott/Cindy Dewey
THEA 2110/3450 (DHA)(renumbering)............................................. Leslie Brott/Cindy Dewey
THEA 5270 (DHA)(inactivate) ......................................................... Leslie Brott/Cindy Dewey

Syllabi Approvals
USU 1330 (BCA) David Wall APPROVED........................................Cindy Dewey
Motion to approve made by Cindy Dewey, seconded by Rhonda Miller

USU 1360 (BPS) Mark Noirot APPROVED........................................Ryan Dupont
Motion to approve made by Ryan Dupont, seconded by Cindy Dewey

Business

Modeling GE Demand .................................................................Norm Jones
Michael Torrens has built a planning tool (based upon historical usage) for predicting Gen Ed
demand. This tool will be on the AAA website in the near future.

Review of 2 Credit CI courses ..........................................................Rhonda Miller
Review of 1 and 2 credit CI courses showed that most were extremely deficient. An opportunity
to revise syllabi will be given to department heads. At end of spring semester 2013, if not revised
the designation will be dropped by January 1, 2014. Rhonda will be forwarding the list of
courses involved to Michele Hillard. She will then send them to the Gen Ed committee members.

Depth Review.................................................................Nancy Mesner
Evaluate depth courses every 5 years. Gen Ed subcommittee will track the status and then
establish a review process. The first step will be to acquire the syllabi for the depth courses.
Department heads will be contacted and asked to supply syllabi for those depth courses that are missing a syllabus.

A suggestion was made to revise the Gen Ed form to include a renewal date for designations.

*Implications of new LDS Missionary policy for Gen Ed Demand* ...............Norm Jones

Information Item

Due to the change in policy as to the age when young men and women can go on a mission-Stephanie Hamblin reported that the Leave of Absence website will be updated effective November 1, 2012. Mary Leavitt noted that they have been seeing a number of young women with questions on deferring, degrees and financial aid. Recent Admission open houses have had decreased participation. Admissions is urging students to apply now and then defer. This will help with scholarships.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am

**Next Meeting**
Tuesday, November 20, 2012 Champ Hall Conference Room
8:30 a.m.

**III. Other Business**

Information Item

Shelley Lindauer and Steve Beck
MSW Advanced Standing
Concurrent Degree
EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
4 October 2012

A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee was held on 4 October 2012 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room)

Present: Ed Reeve, Chair (representing Larry Smith)
          Ed Reeve, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair
          David Hole, Academic Standards Subcommittee Chair, Agriculture
          Norm Jones, General Education Subcommittee Chair
          Nicholas Morrison, Caine College of the Arts
          Cliff Skousen, Huntsman School of Business (representing Stacey Hills)
          Scott Bates, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
          Thom Fronk, Engineering
          Eddy Berry, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
          Nancy Mesner, College of Natural Resources
          Wendy Holliday, Libraries
          Michelle Fleck, USU-Eastern
          Christian Thrapp, ASUSU President
          Zach Portman, Graduate Studies Vice-President
          Marci Smith, Registrar’s Office (representing Roland Squire)
          Cathy Gerber, Registrar’s Office

Absent:  Travis Peterson, Regional Campuses and Distance Education
          Graduate Council representative (TBD)
          Jordan Hunt, Academic Senate President

Visitor: Dennis Dolny, Dept Head, HPER

I. Approval of the minutes of the 6 September 2012 meeting
Richard Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the 6 September 2012 meeting. Nancy Mesner seconded; motion approved.
II.  Subcommittee Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee

Ed Reeve reviewed the Curriculum Subcommittee business.

All courses were approved.

The following departmental requests for two new degrees were approved. (see below)

Health, Physical Education and Recreation-
1. Master of Health Promotion
2. Master of Fitness Promotion

The following departmental requests to restructure their PhD programs by reducing the credits required were approved. (see below)

Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences-
3. PhD in Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences

Applied Economics-
4. PhD in Economics

Biological Engineering-
5. PhD in Biological Engineering

Environment and Society-
6. PhD in Ecology

Watershed Sciences-
7. PhD in Ecology
8. PhD in Watershed Science

Wildland Resources-
9. PhD in Ecology
10. PhD in Forestry
11. PhD in Range Science
12. PhD in Wildlife Biology

The following departmental requests to discontinue the Plan C option were approved. (see below)

Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education-
13. Plan C option in MS Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Health, Physical Education and Recreation-
14. Plan C option in MS Health and Human Movement, Health Education Specialization
The following departmental requests to discontinue the following specializations were approved. (see below)

Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education-
15. Audiology under the MA, MS, Med, and AuD degrees in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Health, Physical Education and Recreation-
16. Corporate Wellness, for Plans A, B and C, in the MS Health and Human Movement

Wildland Resources-
17. Game-Range Management, International Range Management, Range Rehabilitation, and Range Resource Economics in the MS and PhD in Range Science
18. Forest Biology and Forest Economics and Policy in the MS and PhD in Forestry
19. Conservation Biology and Problem Wildlife Management in MS and PhD in Wildlife Biology

The request from the Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education department to discontinue the EdS in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education was approved. (see below)

The request from the Environment and Society department to eliminate the Master of Arts in Geography and the six specializations within the Master of Science degree in Geography was approved. (see below)

The request from the Health, Physical Education and Recreation department to offer a Plan B option within the Health Education Specialization of the MS in Health and Human Movement was approved. (see below)

Faculty code states that a representative from each of the three regional campuses and extension are required at EPC and the Curriculum Subcommittee meetings. PRPC will revise this code to state that only one representative from RCDE is needed at the EPC and Curriculum Subcommittee meetings.

Norm Jones moved to approve the business of the Curriculum Subcommittee. Nicholas Morrison seconded; motion approved.

David Hole moved to amend the motion to approve the Curriculum Subcommittee business. Richard Mueller seconded; motion approved

Norm Jones moved to remove the approval of the VM courses from the business of the Curriculum Subcommittee due to the fact that they had not yet been approved by the College of Agriculture College Curriculum Committee. Nancy Mesner seconded; motion approved.
B. Academic Standards Subcommittee (David Hole)

ACADEMIC STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

September 27, 2012
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
AGRS - 409

Present:  David Hole, Roland Squire, J.P. Spicer-Escalante, Stephanie Hamblin,
Ben Wilson (ASUSU), Richard Mueller, Michele Hillard, John Barton

Absent:  Stacey Hills, Scott Bates

Call to Order – David Hole

Approval of Minutes

Business

Grading for Study Abroad – Approved
Motion carried by Richard Mueller; seconded by J.P. Spicer-Escalante.

No policy change is required. However there will be a change in the procedure to post the letter grade
without the # sign. Roland Squire will coordinate this change with the Registrar’s Office.

Latin Honors for 2nd BS Students – Approved
Motion carried by Stephanie Hamblin; seconded by John Barton.

No policy change is required. A clarification will be made in the Registrar’s Office. They will insure that
the standards are met. There is no rationale in lowering the number of credits for the 2nd Bachelor’s Degree.
Language in the catalog will change to (changes in red):

Latin Scholastic Distinctions (Bachelor’s Degrees and second Bachelor’s Degrees)

To qualify for Latin Scholastic Distinctions at graduation, a student must have completed a minimum of 40
semester credits in residency (USU credits) at USU’s Logan, USU-Eastern, or through classes offered by
USU Regional Campuses and Distance Education.

Adjourned:  3:35 pm

Next Meeting
Thursday, October 25, 2012
AGRS 409
3:00 pm

Norm Jones move to approve the business of the Academic Standards Subcommittee. Eddy Berry seconded;
motion approve.
C. General Education Subcommittee (Norm Jones)

September 18, 2012 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room
Present: Michelle Larson, Honors; Dick Mueller, Science; Kathy Chudoba, Business; Norm Jones, Chair; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Laura Gelfand, Art; Wendy Holliday, Library; Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources; Charlie Huenemann, CHaSS; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Christian Thrapp, ASU President; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Lee Rickords, Agriculture; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Scott Henrie, USU Eastern; Larry Smith, Provost’s Office; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Brock Dethier, English; John Mortensen, Student Services; Vince Lafferty, Regional Campuses; Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts; Dean Adams, Engineering

Absent: Brian McCuskey, English; Rhonda Miller, Communications; Mary Leavitt, Advising;

Call to Order - Norm Jones

Approval of Minutes - April 17, 2012
Motion to approve made by Kathy Chudoba, seconded by Charlie Huenemann

Course Approvals
ARTH 3760 (CI) APPROVED ................................................................. Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Brock Dethier, seconded by Laura Gelfand

AV 3720 (CI) APPROVED................................................................. Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Brock Dethier, seconded by Laura Gelfand

CS 3450 (CI) PENDING ................................................................. Rhonda Miller
Waiting on information

NDFS 5210 (CI) PENDING ................................................................. Rhonda Miller
Waiting on information

USU 1330 (BCA) Troy Hunt/Susan Neel WITHDRAWN ......................... Carolyn Cardenas

USU 1360 (BPS) Mark Noirot PENDING ............................................ Ryan Dupont
Waiting on information

Course Removals
N/A

Syllabi Approvals
N/A
Business

Introduction of New Members

Norm Jones

Scott Henrie will be representing USU Eastern and will replace Susan Neel. Norm Jones reminded the committee of their responsibilities.

Upcoming Meetings for USU Course Faculty

Norm Jones

Below are some recommendations from the Presidential Task Force on the Curriculum:

1. Look at the admissions criteria – Is there proper preparation for incoming students and do we provide greater incentives for those students who come to college prepared to succeed?

2. Working with the freshman class:
   a. Take away some of the choice of when they can take Gen Ed (this will help forecast demand). It was noted that resources may be needed in order to work through the backlog of course demand before fully implementing this recommendation. It was suggested that we emphasize Gen Ed for summer school, creating a Gen Ed summer school block.
   b. Identify what students know, understand and can do when completing Gen Ed so there is a better interface between general education and majors.

We are holding USU designated course meetings to help further this initiative to understand what the outcomes of the courses are. Subcommittee chairs will be invited to these meetings and information will be collected to help clarify the process of what is happening in Gen Ed.

USU’s Logan campus is going to start offering an Associate’s Degree. It is offered on all other regional campuses and will now be in Logan, too. The university already has the authority to offer this degree, so it does not need to be sent to the Board of Trustees or Regents for approval. The question was asked if we thought the Logan 4-year graduation rates might suffer by offering the Associates Degree. Students will need to declare their intention to pursue a 2-year or 4-year degree when enrolling. The AA/AS requirements in Logan will be identical to those elsewhere in the USU system.

Review of Depth and CI courses

Nancy Mesner/Rhonda Miller

These projects were started last year and some of the committees got as far as collecting the syllabi. We need to get a sense of what the courses are and if they are meeting the criteria. The committees will target the department heads and instructors to get more information regarding the courses. Departments should have the syllabi in their files. We need to educate the faculty and department heads that there are requirements and expectations that need to be met when submitting.

The CI committee is finding that a lot of the 2 hour CI courses need to change or be withdrawn from the CI designation.

“What is an Educated Person?” Conference, Oct. 26-Snowbird

Norm Jones
Conference will focus on what does Gen Ed contribute to the degree? Paul Gaston is coming from Kent State to decipher and make sense of this information. Tuning teams are being asked to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

**Next Meeting**
Tuesday, October 16, 2012 Champ Hall Conference Room
8:30 a.m.

Wendy Holliday moved to approve the business of the General Education Subcommittee. Nancy Mesner seconded; motion approved.

**III. Other Business**

Meeting adjourned 3:40 p.m.
Ed Reeve conducted the meeting.
Cathy Gerber recorded the minutes.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: Discontinuation of the Plan C in the M.S. Degree in Applied Economics and the Creation of a Master of Applied Economics
Currently Approved Title:
School or Division or Location:
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Applied Economics
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code1 for new programs:
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code for existing programs: 45.0602
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): August 15, 2013 (Fall 2013)
Institutional Board of Trustees’ Approval Date:
Proposal Type (check all that apply):

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*Requires “Section VI: Program Curriculum” of Abbreviated Template

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:
I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Signature ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Printed Name: Dr. Larry Smith

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1 CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55.
Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Applied Economics APEC

Program/Administrative Unit Title: 

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 45.0602

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: Master of Applied Economics

Proposed Beginning Date: August 15, 2013 (Fall 2013 Semester)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Department Chair: Dillon M. Feuz
Dean or Division Chair: Noelle Cockett
Dept. Head, Applied Economics: Dean of the College of Agriculture

Mark R. McLellan, Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies

Date: September 27, 2012
Program Request - Abbreviated Template  
Utah State University  
Department of Applied Economics APEC  

Discontinuation of the Plan C in the M.S. Degree in Applied Economics  
and Creation of a Master of Applied Economics  

Section I: Request  

Recently the Applied Economics department (APEC) completed an in-depth review of all its graduate programs and identified opportunities to improve selected programs. The current Master of Science (M.S.) in Applied Economics degree program offers specializations in Agricultural Economics, Natural Resource Economics, and Regional Economic Development. In this M.S. program, students can select to complete either the Plan A (30 credits including 6 thesis credits), Plan B (30 credits including 3 thesis credits), or Plan C (33 credits - coursework only) option.

In the review of the APEC graduate program, it was found that the Plan C option was not representative of the rigors and activities associated with completing an M.S. degree. Therefore, the request of this R401 is to eliminate the Plan C option from the APEC M.S. Applied Economics degree program and to restructure this Plan C into a Master of Applied Economics. This restructured professional degree is designed to meet the needs of practicing career professionals.

The current Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Applied Economics will continue as a Plan A Thesis option or Plan B technical paper option with specializations in Agricultural Economics, Natural Resource Economics, or Regional Economic Development.

Section II: Need  

The current Master of Science (M.S.) in Applied Economics emphasizes a wide range of economic theory applications, applied econometric techniques, and quantitative skills. It also requires proficiency in research methodology and statistical/econometric applications. This rigorous program is intended primarily for graduate students who want a solid background in research and for those who may be considering obtaining a terminal degree. In reviewing this program, it was determined that the Plan C (coursework only) did not meet the intent of this M.S. program and a need existed to eliminate this option.

Eliminating the Plan C of the M.S. program in Applied Economics will create an opportunity to restructure that degree program into a professional degree program to attract those who may be interested in completing a master's degree without a thesis in the broad area of Applied Economics. In the future, this professional degree may be offered online, which should be attractive to many place-bound career professionals in various county, state, or federal offices and agencies.

Currently, there are no similar professional master’s degree programs in applied economics offered in the State of Utah. However, in the State of Utah and in the Intermountain Region, there are many practicing professionals whom we believe will be attracted to this flexible degree program.

Section III: Institutional Impact  

The proposed program changes will have positive institutional impacts on USU. The proposed changes may help to increase graduate student enrollments in APEC and could help to improve visibility of all programs offered in the department. The proposed changes will not affect existing administrative structures or existing facilities and will have minimal impact on faculty and staff requirements.
Section IV: Finances

No costs or savings are anticipated to result from these program changes.

Section V: Program Curriculum

***THIS SECTION OF THE ABBREVIATED TEMPLATE REQUIRED FOR EMPHASES AND MINORS ONLY.***

All Program Courses

The professional Master of Applied Economics degree is designed for professionals in the field who want to enhance their knowledge and skills in applied economic theory, applied econometric techniques, and quantitative methods used in economics. Individuals who successfully complete the program will be able to:

- Understand and apply economic theory and principles in decision making
- Understand quantitative methods and econometric techniques used in conducting economic analyses
- Display a depth of knowledge and understanding in one of the following areas
  - Agricultural Economics
  - Natural Resource Economics
  - Regional Economic Development
- Inform decision makers about the economic consequences of proposed policies.

This degree program with a focus in applied economics is an innovative 33-credit program with a core of four required APEC courses (12 credits), a minimum of three additional APEC courses (9 credits) and will provide opportunities for students to select electives that complement their chosen specialization: Agricultural Economics, Natural Resource Economics, or Regional Economic Development. These additional 12 elective credits will be available through the department of Applied Economics, and through other colleges and units on campus (e.g., from the College of Agriculture or from the College of Natural Resources).

The Master of Applied Economics will use existing graduate-level courses that are available in APEC or other related departments. Shown in the table below are the proposed required courses for this program and current electives available in APEC.
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**Program Schedule**

The courses for the professional Master of Applied Economics are offered during the Fall and Spring Semesters. The flexibility of this program will allow most students to complete the degree in two years or less.

**Faculty**

The following faculty from the department of Applied Economics will be involved in delivering instruction in this program:

DeeVon Bailey, Professor, Ph.D., Agricultural Economics  
Ryan Bosworth, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Environmental Economics and Econometrics  
Arthur Caplan, Professor, Ph.D., Environmental Economics and Applied Microeconomic Theory  
Kynda Curtis, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Agribusiness Management  
Dillon Feuz, Professor and Head, Ph.D., Agricultural Economics  
Paul Jakus, Professor, Ph.D., Natural Resource and Environmental Economics  
Man-Keun Kim, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Regional Economics  
Reza Oladi, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Economic Theory and Trade  
Charles Sims, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Natural Resource Economics and Quantitative Methods  
Don Snyder, Professor, Ph.D., Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics and Econometrics  
Ruby Ward, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Agribusiness and Community Economic Development
Institution Submitting Request: **Utah State University**
Proposed Title: NA (program discontinuation)
Currently Approved Title: MS/MA-Economics
School or Division or Location: **Huntsman School of Business**
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Economics and Finance
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code\(^1\) (for new programs): NA (program discontinuation)
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 45.0601
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): NA (program discontinuation)
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:

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Signature                                             Date:

Printed Name:

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Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
MS/MA-Economics
08/27/2012

Section I: Request

Please eliminate the Plan C option associated with the Master of Science and Master of Arts degrees in Economics.

Section II: Need

Based on a program review, it was determined that this MS/MA degree should include a research component. (i.e., Plan A or Plan B.)

Section III: Institutional Impact

There will be no institutional impact as a Plan A or Plan B option has been the de facto rule for a MS/MA in Economics.

Section IV: Finances

There will be no financial impact from discontinuing the Plan C option.
Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Huntsman School of Business

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Department of Economics and Finance

Program/Administrative Unit Title: NA (program discontinuation)

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: NA (program discontinuation)

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: NA (program discontinuation)

Proposed Beginning Date: NA (program discontinuation)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):
Department Chair: Tyler J. Bowles

Date: 9/4/12

Graduate School Dean

Dean or Division Chair: Douglas R. Anderson

Date: 9/5/2012
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University  
Proposed Title: Discontinuation of the Plan C in the M.S. Degree in Agricultural Systems Technology (AST) and Creation of a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Career and Technical Education (CTE)  
Currently Approved Title:  
School or Division or Location: School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education (ASTE)  
Department(s) or Area(s) Location:  
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs):  
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 13.1399  
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): August 15, 2013 (Fall 2013)  
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Signature ___________________________ Date: __________
Printed Name: Dr. Larry Smith

Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education (ASTE)

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:

Program/Administrative Unit Title:

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 13.1399

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded:

Proposed Beginning Date: August 15, 2013 (Fall 2013 Semester)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Department Chair
Bruce Miller
Career and Technical Education Director
Dept. Head, Applied Sciences, Technology & Education

Dean or Division Chair
Noelle Cockett
Dean of the College of Agriculture

Date: September 17, 2012

Mark R. McLellan, Vice President for Research
and Dean of Graduate Studies
Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education (ASTE)

Discontinuation of the Plan C in the M.S. Degree in Agricultural Systems Technology (AST) and Creation of a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Section I: Request

Recently the School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education (ASTE) completed an in-depth review of all its graduate programs in the school and identified opportunities to improve selected programs. The current Agricultural Systems Technology (AST) Master of Science (M.S.) degree program offers specializations in Agricultural Extension Education, in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Extension (FCSEE), in Agricultural Mechanization, in International Agricultural Extension, and in Secondary and Post-Secondary Agricultural Education. In this M.S. program, students can currently select to complete either the Plan A (30 Credits - Thesis) or Plan C (37 Credits - Coursework Only) option.

In the review of the AST graduate program, it was found that the Plan C option was not representative of the rigors and activities associated with completing an M.S. degree. Therefore, the request of this R401 is to eliminate the Plan C option from the AST M.S. degree program and to restructure this Plan C into a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Career and Technical Education (CTE). This restructured professional degree is designed to meet the needs of practicing Career and Technical Education professionals. ASTE currently serves three areas, including Agriculture Family and Consumer Sciences, Skilled and Technical, and Technology and Engineering Education.

The current Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Agricultural Systems Technology will continue as a Plan A Thesis option only, with specializations in Agricultural Extension Education, Agricultural Education (dropping the words Secondary and Post-Secondary), and Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Extension. The Agricultural Mechanization specialization and the International Agricultural Extension specialization should be discontinued in this restructuring (no longer used).

Section II: Need

The current Master of Science (M.S.) program in Agricultural Systems Technology emphasizes a wide range of teaching and learning skills and focus is placed on skill development, program planning, and evaluation techniques. It also requires proficiency in research methodology and statistical applications. This rigorous program is intended for working professionals in extension, adult, and community education as well as those in school-based career and technical education programs who want a solid background in research and for those who may be considering obtaining a terminal degree. In reviewing this program, it was determined that the Plan C (coursework only) did not meet the intent of this M.S. program and a need existed to eliminate this option.

Eliminating the Plan C of the M.S. program in Agricultural Systems Technology will create an opportunity to restructure that degree program into a professional degree program to attract those who may be interested in completing a no-thesis master’s degree in the area of Career and Technical Education. Today, the recently created school of ASTE is home to many career and technical education program areas, including Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, Skilled and Technical Sciences, and Technology and Engineering Education.

Using primarily existing graduate courses, many which are already taught on-line or as a hybrid, the Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Career and Technical Education will serve in-service CTE teachers and CTE professionals in Utah and across the region. This professional degree will have no thesis or Plan B paper option; however, students will still be required to create a culminating creative or integrative experience.
Currently, there are no similar CTE-focused master’s degree programs offered in the State of Utah and only a few similar type programs exist nationally. However, in the State of Utah and in the Intermountain Region, there are many practicing CTE instructors and professionals whom we believe will be attracted to this flexible degree program. This population includes:

- Instructors at Utah’s eight Colleges of Applied Technology
- Secondary School CTE Teachers
- Community College Instructors of Technical Courses
- Industrial Trainers
- Career and Technical Education Directors

The minimum educational requirement for a CTE instructor is typically the bachelor’s degree and many enter the profession at this level. After a few years teaching experience, many begin to seek advanced study to improve their teaching and to increase their opportunities for career and/or pay advancement. Unfortunately, many of these instructors are on year-round contracts and do not have the time available to attend “traditional classes” at a university setting. The M.Ed. in CTE provides flexible opportunities for CTE teachers in the region and nationally to obtain advanced study within the discipline.

**Section III: Institutional Impact**

The proposed program changes will have positive institutional impacts on USU. The proposed changes will help to increase graduate student enrollments in the school of ASTE and will help to improve visibility of all programs offered in the school. The proposed changes will not affect existing administrative structures or existing facilities and will have minimal impact on faculty and staff requirements.

In addition, the restructured degree program will help expand USU’s on-line course offerings. USU has been in the business of distance education for over 90 years and the proposed on-line M.Ed. program is consistent with its mission. USU currently offers 18 degrees and programs that can be obtained completely on-line from almost anywhere the Internet is available and the trend to offer on-line programs appears to be increasing. Nationally, on-line college programs are very popular and their student enrollments continue to increase. This restructured professional degree program will utilize the current infrastructure available through USU’s Regional Campuses and Distance Education.

**Section IV: Finances**

No costs or savings are anticipated to result from these program changes.

**Section V: Program Curriculum**

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All Program Courses

The professional M.Ed. program in Career and Technical Education (CTE) is designed for professionals in the field who want to enhance their knowledge and skills in the development and delivery of quality CTE programs. Individuals who successfully complete the program will be able to:

- Develop and deliver contemporary CTE curricula.
- Modify instruction to meet the needs of adult learners.
- Use advanced teaching methods and instructional strategies to enhance student learning.
- Effectively assess and evaluate student learning.
- Utilize effective management and student motivation techniques in the classroom.
- Discuss current issues and trends in Career and Technical Education.
- Use basic research methods to improve teaching and learning.

This degree program in career and technical education is an innovative 33-credit program with a core of six required courses (18 credits) and will provide opportunities for students to select electives that help them meet their career goals. Additional electives will be available through the School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education (ASTE), and through other colleges and units on campus (e.g., from the Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences Department on-line programs).

The M.Ed. in CTE will use existing graduate-level courses that are available in the program areas of Agricultural Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, and Technology and Engineering Education. We anticipate only creating one new course for the program: “Reading and Applying Research in CTE.” As previously noted, many of these courses are already being taught in an on-line or hybrid format. Shown in the table below are the proposed required courses for this program and current electives available in the school of ASTE.

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Program Schedule

The professional graduate degree program will offer a minimum of two courses in the Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters. The flexibility of this program including a variety of delivery options (e.g., online, hybrid), will allow most students to complete the degree in two years or less.

Faculty

The following faculty from the school of ASTE will be involved in delivering instruction in this program:

Edward Reeve, Professor, Ph.D., Technology and Engineering Education, Logan Campus
Gary Stewardson, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Technology and Engineering Education, Logan Campus
Bruce Miller, Professor, Ph.D., Agricultural Education, Logan Campus
Dennis Garner, M.S., Business Education, Uintah Basin Regional Campus
Julie Wheeler, Senior Lecturer, M.Ed., Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Logan Campus
Brian Warnick, Associate Professor, Ph.D., Agricultural Education, Logan Campus
Lindsey Shirley, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Logan Campus
Rebecca Lawver, Ph.D., Agricultural Education, Logan Campus
Jared Berret, Ph.D., Technology and Engineering Education, USU Eastern, Blanding Campus
Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University

Proposed Title:

Currently Approved Title: Specializations in EdD and PhD: Management Information Systems, Instructional Technology, Occupational and Adult Education, Special Education

School or Division or Location: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

Department(s) or Area(s) Location: School of Teacher Education and Leadership

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs):

Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 131299

Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs):

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Date:

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¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55.
Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:

Program/Administrative Unit Title: School of Teacher Education and Leadership

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code:

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded:

Proposed Beginning Date:

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):
Department Chair  
Council on Teacher Education

Career and Technical Education Director  
Date: 9-21-12
Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
Discontinuation of Specializations in EdD and PhD: Management Information Systems, Instructional Technology, Occupational and Adult Education, Special Education
09/17/2012

Section I: Request

The faculty in the School of Teacher Education and Leadership (TEAL) requests deletion of the areas of specialization in the EdD and PhD degrees including: management information systems, instructional technology, occupational and adult education, and special education. These areas of specialization were created when the EdD and PhD were interdepartmental degrees which is no longer the case.

Section II: Need

The interdepartmental doctoral program no longer exists. Further, there is no need for these specializations in the EdD or PhD in the School of TEAL because these areas of specialization are now offered in other departments. There are no students enrolled in these areas of specialization in the EdD or PhD in the School of TEAL, and with the exception of special education, these areas of specialization are currently listed in the graduate school as inactive in the School of TEAL.

Section III: Institutional Impact

There is no institutional impact. These areas of specialization are offered in other departments by the faculty who historically taught and mentored students enrolled in those specializations.

Section IV: Finances

Deletion of these areas of specialization does not impact finances.

Section V: Program Curriculum

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**Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template**

**Institution Submitting Request:** Utah State University

**Proposed Title:**

**Currently Approved Title:** MA Elementary Education; MA Secondary Education

**School or Division or Location:** Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

**Department(s) or Area(s) Location:** School of Teacher Education and Leadership

**Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code**¹ (for new programs):

Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): **13.1202 and 13.1205**

**Proposed Beginning Date** (for new programs):

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Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:

Program/Administrative Unit Title: School of Teacher Education and Leadership

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 13.1202 and 13.1205

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded:

Proposed Beginning Date:

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Department Chair

Dean or Division Chair

Career and Technical Education Director

Graduate School Dean

Council on Teacher Education

Date:
Section I: Request

The faculty in the School of Teacher Education and Leadership requests to delete the Master of Arts-Plan A degree in two degree programs: Elementary Education and Secondary Education. The MA degree has not attracted students in several years.

Section II: Need

There is no need for the Master of Arts-Plan A degree because students have other master’s degree options, including MS-Plan A, MEd-Plan B, and MEd-Plan C. These other degree options include various course requirements and capstone experiences to sufficiently assist students to meet their career goals. These other degrees all currently have students enrolled.

Section III: Institutional Impact

There is no impact on the faculty because they have not been teaching/mentoring students in MA-Plan A degree. There is no impact on students because they have other master’s degree options to which they can apply. Further, no students are currently enrolled in the MA-Plan A degree program.

Section IV: Finances

Deletion of the Master of Arts-Plan A does not impact finances.

Section V: Program Curriculum

***THIS SECTION OF THE ABBREVIATED TEMPLATE REQUIRED FOR EMPHASES AND MINORS ONLY.***
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: PhD in Electrical Engineering (no change from current title)
Currently Approved Title: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Electrical Engineering
School or Division or Location: College of Engineering
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs):
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 14.1001
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 01/01/13
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:

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Signature

Date: MM/DD/YEAR

Printed Name: Name of CAO or Designee

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Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Engineering

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Program/Administrative Unit Title: PhD in Electrical Engineering

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 14.1001

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Proposed Beginning Date: 01/01/13

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Todd Moon, PhD
Department Chair

N. Scott Hinton, Dean of College of Engineering
Dean or Division Chair

Career and Technical Education Director

Graduate School Dean

Council on Teacher Education

Date:
Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering
09/01/12

Section I: Request

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering requests a reduction in the number of credits required for the doctoral degree in Electrical Engineering. The current requirements are 90 credits for students who enter with a BS degree, and 60 credits for those who enter with an MS degree. We propose to reduce the required credits for the students who enter with a BS to 72 credits, and the students who enter with an MS to 42 credits.

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Section II: Need

Many peer institutions (Colorado State, Montana State, New Mexico State, University of Nevada, Reno), as well as other competitive ECE programs (Brigham Young University, University of New Mexico, University of Arizona, and University of North Carolina Charlotte) require 42 or less credits beyond an MS degree for a PhD in Electrical Engineering. In order for USU’s Electrical Engineering PhD program to remain competitive, the minimum number of required credits must be reduced.

Section III: Institutional Impact

There will be no change to administrative structures.
There will be no change in faculty or staff requirements.

Reducing our credit requirements for the PhD in Electrical Engineering will aid our recruiting efforts and allow us to attract outstanding students. The reduction in credit requirements will support our strategic plans for increasing our doctoral student enrollment, while allowing students to complete their degree in a more reasonable period of time.

Section IV: Finances

There will be no financial impact in the reduction of our credit requirements. Costs will neither increase nor decrease. No additional courses will need to be taught.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: Master of Social Work
Currently Approved Title: Master of Social Work
School or Division or Location: College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology Department
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): N/A
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 4407.01
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): N/A
Institutional Board of Trustees’ Approval Date: Original approval in May 2006

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

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Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:
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Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Printed Name: Dr. Raymond T. Coward
Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology Department

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Social Work

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 4407.01

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: Master of Social Work

Proposed Beginning Date: July 2013

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate): Department Chair (Dr. Leon Anderson) Dean or Division Chair (Dr. John Allen)

Career and Technical Education Director Graduate School Dean (Dr. Mark Mclellan) N/A

Council on Teacher Education N/A

Date:
Utah State University requests approval to offer a 36-credit Master of Social Work (MSW) degree (these are referred to as Advanced Standing MSW programs) effective July 2013. The 60-credit version of the MSW program was approved by the Regents in January of 2008 and by the Institutional Board of Trustees on 26 May 2006. This version of the program will continue to operate as it has since beginning in the fall of 2008.

Section II: Need

The Social Work program proposes to add an Advanced Standing (AS) option to its existing Master of Social Work (MSW) program. AS programs are designed for outstanding undergraduate social work majors (BSW students) who have recently (usually within 5 years) received their degrees in social work. These programs permit students who hold a BSW from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)-accredited program to forego the foundation year of the MSW curriculum and to earn an MSW by completing only the advanced or concentration year of the curriculum (usually between 30-40 hours). Accordingly, the AS option we propose would shorten the traditional two-year (60 credit hours) MSW program to one year plus a summer session (36 credit hours). The rationale for this proposal is that the content taught in upper division baccalaureate social work (BSW) programs and the foundation year (first 30 credit hours) of MSW programs are redundant. In fact, because of this redundancy, CSWE, the entity that accredits social work programs, requires MSW programs to ensure that students avoid repeating this content during their graduate program of study. The proposed AS program option will allow us to more fully comply with this accreditation standard and help us retain many of our best BSW students who now opt to go to other AS programs for their MSW degree. Many universities offer an Advanced Standing option, for example, in our region, the University of Utah and several other universities (e.g., the University of Wyoming, UNLV, the University of Nevada-Reno, Boise State University, and Eastern Washington University) have offered advanced standing to BSW graduates for more than a decade.

Section III: Institutional Impact

Adding an AS option to the existing MSW program will not affect enrollment numbers, but we do anticipate attracting higher quality applicants and retaining more of our best BSW students at USU. AS students would begin in the summer and finish the following May. After the summer session, the AS students will merge with the two-year students at the beginning of the second year of the traditional two-year MSW program. We will maintain our existing cohort model and continue to admit approximately 15 traditional MSW students every other year and admit an AS group of approximately 10-15 students during the years we do not admit a traditional cohort. Adding the AS program will not require changes to existing administrative structures, faculty and staff, physical facilities, equipment, etc.

Section IV: Finances

The proposed AS program will not require additional faculty or staff resources. The summer teaching will be covered by summer salary for existing full-time faculty or by using part-time faculty. The cost of instruction will be paid for by enrollments (MSW tuition/fees). Students who qualify for this program will pay for 24 fewer credit hours, a substantial savings for them.
## Section V: Program Curriculum

### All Program Courses/Program Schedule

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### New Courses to Be Added in the Next Five Years

The SW 6995 Special Topics courses that will be offered in the summer are new and are designed to ensure that the students are truly prepared for the advanced portion of the MSW curriculum.