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ITEM FOR ACTION

Utah State University proposes to move the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning (LAEP) to the College of Agriculture.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Utah State University requests approval to move the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning to the College of Agriculture. Under the proposed new structure, the College of Agriculture will comprise six departments: Agriculture Systems Technology and Education; Animal Dairy and Veterinary Science; Applied Economics, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning; Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences; and Plant, Soils and Climate.

The proposed restructuring resulted from an exploration process that involved LAEP students, faculty, alumni, and advisory board members. Placement of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning in the College of Agriculture will further strengthen the commitment of both the department and the college to sustainable development. It is not anticipated that the proposed move will have any negative impact on student enrollment or program accreditation. The proposed restructuring will not require any new physical facilities or fiscal resources.

This proposal was prepared by the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning and has been approved by the Dean of the College of Agriculture, the Educational Policies Committee, and the Utah State University Faculty Senate.