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Program Request – Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
Request to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture
to the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

Submitted February 25, 2013

Section I: Request
Utah State University seeks authorization to change the name of the Utah State University College of Agriculture to College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

Section II: Need
The programs and emphases in the College of Agriculture have significantly expanded in the last few years and now include two schools, six departments, around 350 faculty and staff and over 2,000 students in 66 undergraduate and graduate programs. Programs added to the College since 2010 include the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, the School of Veterinary Medicine, the School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, the undergraduate and graduate programs in Technology and Engineering Education, the undergraduate programs in aviation including a BS in Professional Pilots and a BS in Aviation Maintenance Management, and all of the Applied Technology and Workforce Education programs at USU-Eastern.

These additions have raised the need for a new college name that communicates the breadth of the college to constituents, including current and future students, while recognizing the college’s significant legacy of excellence in agriculture. Using feedback received from both within and outside the college, we propose the name be “College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences”. This was the top ranked name on a survey of the college faculty (165 respondents) conducted in January, 2013 and an external stakeholder survey (125 respondents) conducted in February, 2013.

Section III: Institutional Impact
The renaming of the College requires no change in administrative structure, no additional faculty, no new physical facilities, no modification or purchase of equipment, and no additional library support. Signage that includes the new College name will be placed near the new Agricultural Sciences Building on the Logan campus. Letterhead, business cards, student recruitment materials, websites, etc. will be changed as appropriate.

The inclusion of “Applied Sciences” in the college name is anticipated to improve recruitment of students into the non-agricultural programs within the college.

Section IV: Finances
No additional funding is requested for implementation of the new name.