Educational Policies Committee Program Proposal, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, September 26, 2014 - Landscape Architecture Minor

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Proposed Title: Landscape Architecture Minor
Currently Approved Title: none
School or Division or Location: College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning
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Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): N/A
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/25/2014
Institutional Board of Trustees’ Approval Date: 06/27/2014

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Section I: Request

The Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning Department (LAEP) proposes offering a Landscape Architecture Minor. All courses required for the changed minor are presently being taught as part of LAEP’s Landscape Architecture Major Curriculum, or are currently offered to our students by related departments.

Section II: Need

Minors in landscape architecture or landscape studies are offered by most leading peer programs nationally. USU students routinely inquire about a minor in the discipline. Students pursuing the Residential Landscape Design and Construction (RLDC) Major have been particularly interested in this minor. This minor will allow non-LAEP majors to obtain a minor from the department that emphasizes site design, land planning, and the related skill sets necessary to form a basic foundation in the field. The minor will also enable RLDC alumni to be more competitive in the marketplace. Students situated outside of Logan will, through RCDE courses, be able to pursue the minor in the near future. RCDE has reviewed and is fully supportive of the minor. All RLDC faculty were actively involved in planning of the minor, and fully support its proposal.

Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed change should not impact enrollments in other departments as it is only a minor. However, there is some potential for RLDC enrollment to increase as students will no longer face the dichotomous choice between that major and the BLA degree. This was described as a positive impact, should it result, by RLDC faculty. There will be no changes to administrative structures. No changes to faculty or staff are needed to accommodate this change. Many non-LAEP students are already enrolled in departmental courses. This change will simply facilitate many of them being able to obtain a minor from LAEP.

Section IV: Finances

The proposed change will not impact the costs of LAEP and will not require any new funds.

Section V: Program Curriculum

***THIS SECTION OF THE TEMPLATE REQUIRED FOR EMPHASES, MINORS, AND CERTIFICATES ONLY***
All Program Courses (with New Courses in Bold)

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Note: Courses may not count in more than one of the course categories.

Program Schedule
The schedule for this minor is left open to when the students can best fit the courses in with their major requirements. The following may be used as a guide.

Semester 1
LAEP 1030 Introduction to Landscape Architecture, 3 credits
Elective- Skills Foundation Course, 3-4 credits

Semester 2
LAEP 2300 History of Landscape Design, 3 credits
Elective- Skills Foundation Course, 3-4 credits

Semester 3
Elective- Advanced Skills Course, 2-5 credits
Elective- Natural Systems Course, 3 credits