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**Utah System of Higher Education
Changes to Existing Academic Program Proposal
Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template**

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed (if applicable)</i>
Program Title:	Agricultural Economics	Applied Economics
Sponsoring School, College, or Division:	College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences	
Sponsoring Academic Department(s) or Unit(s):	Applied Economics	
Classification of Instruction Program Code ¹ :	01.0103	45.0602
Min/Max Credit Hours for Full Program Required:	120 / Max Cr Hr	120 / Max Cr Hr
Proposed Effective Term for Program Change ² :	Fall 2017	

Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: January 6, 2017

Award Type: BS

Program Change Type (check all that apply):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure with or without Consolidation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer to a new academic department or unit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Discontinuation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Out of Service Area Delivery Program

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

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

Laurens H. Smith _____ Date: January 4, 2017

I understand that checking this box constitutes my legal signature.

¹ For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

² "Proposed Effective Term" refers to term when change to program is published. For Suspensions and Discontinuations, "effective term" refers to the term the program will suspend admissions.

Program Change Description - Abbreviated Template

Section I: The Request

Utah State University requests approval to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics to Applied Economics effective Fall 2017. This action was approved by the institutional Board of Trustees on January 6, 2017.

Section II: Program Proposal

Program Change Description/Rationale

Agricultural Economics degrees have traditionally been the more science based degrees in many agricultural economics departments. In more recent times, many departments have broadened their programs and many traditional agricultural economics departments have changed their names to applied economics. Utah State University has followed this national trend with the department of Applied Economics name change in 2008. The Applied Economics department is requesting the name change for the B.S. degree from Agricultural Economics to Applied Economics to be more reflective of the breadth of the degree and to be more in line with the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association trends.

Consistency with Institutional Mission/Institutional Impact

This proposed B.S. major name change is consistent with the USU mission of being a student-centered land grant university. The new name is more reflective of the student's interests and likely helps them be marketable to a broader set of opportunities.

Finances

This change will have no financial impact as it is only a name change to an existing degree.