Educational Policies Committee Program Proposal, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, June 15, 2018 - Agribusiness

Utah State University

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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

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Program Change Type (check all that apply):

- [ ] Name Change of Existing Program
- [x] Program Restructure with or without Consolidation
- [ ] Program Transfer to a new academic department or unit
- [ ] Program Suspension
- [ ] Program Discontinuation
- [ ] Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
- [ ] 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.

Please type your first and last name __________ Date: __________

[ ] I understand that checking this box constitutes my legal signature.

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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 restructure Agribusiness - BS effective Fall 2018. This action was approved by the institutional Board of Trustees on [date].

Section II: Program Proposal

Program Change Description/Rationale

Present a brief program change description. Describe the institutional procedures used to arrive at a decision for the change. Briefly indicate why such a change should be initiated. State how the institution and the USHE benefit by the change.

The Applied Economics department underwent a department review during the spring semester of 2017. As part of that review, it was recommended that the department reduce the number of undergraduate majors offered. Presently, the department offers a B.S. in Agribusiness and a B.A. in International Agribusiness and two other B.S. degrees. Much of the course work is the same for the B.S. Agribusiness and the B.A. International Agribusiness degrees. We are proposing to drop the B.A. in International Agribusiness and to add emphasis areas to our existing B.S. in Agribusiness degree. The emphasis areas would be: International Agribusiness; Agricultural Finance; Agricultural Marketing; and Farm and Ranch Management. A student can choose to just obtain the B.S. Agribusiness degree without an emphasis area, or they may choose one emphasis area.

Consistency with Institutional Mission/Institutional Impact

Explain how the action is consistent with the institution's Regent-approved mission, roles, and goals. Institutional mission and roles may be found at [link]. Indicate if the program will be delivered outside of designated service area; provide justification. Service areas are defined in [link]. Will faculty or staff structures be impacted by the proposed change?

Utah State University is a student centered institution and this proposed change is designed with students in mind. The emphasis areas being added to the B.S. Agribusiness degree will give the students greater flexibility in choosing a major and emphasis area that better fits their career goals.

Finances

What costs or savings are anticipated from this change? If new funds are required to implement the change, indicate expected sources of funds. Describe any budgetary impact on other programs or units within the institution.

There are no costs savings or other budgetary impacts associated with this proposed change. All of the course work required with the proposed changes are currently being taught and no courses will be dropped as a result of ending the B.A. International Agribusiness major.