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Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template/Abbreviated Template with Curriculum

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: Establishment of the Center for the Study of American Constitutionalism
Currently Approved Title: NA
School or Division or Location: College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Political Science
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): NA
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): NA
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/2014
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items		
<i>R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar</i>		
SECTION NO.		ITEM
5.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor*
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphasis*
5.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	(CER P) Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	(GCR) Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Administrative Unit
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conditional Three-Year Approval for New Centers, Institutes, or Bureaus
5.4.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Center
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau
5.5.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs
5.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Consolidation
5.5.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs
5.5.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Discontinuation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension
5.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

*Requires "Section V: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Signature

Date: 02/20/14

Printed Name: Laurens H. Smith, Jr.

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

Program Request – Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
Center for the Study of American Constitutionalism
November 21, 2013

Section I: Request

Utah State University proposes the establishment of a Center for the Study of American Constitutionalism (CSAC). CSAC will conduct research in topics related to American constitutionalism and conduct programs and activities that enhance the educational opportunities of Utah State University students. CSAC will replace, formalize, and expand the activities of Utah State's existing Project on Liberty & American Constitutionalism. CSAC will be housed in the Department of Political Science in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Section II: Need

The Center for the Study of American Constitutionalism (CSAC) will replace Utah State's existing Project on Liberty & American Constitutionalism (PLAC) which began in the Fall of 2008. PLAC's kick-off event was a visit to Utah State by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Since 2008, PLAC has been active in bringing high-profile speakers to campus, running scholarly conferences, publishing, sponsoring course development, and engaging with the wider community in issues of constitutionalism. Elevating PLAC to the status of a "Center" by creating CSAC will give its activities a higher profile on campus and in the community and pave the way for an expansion of current programs and activities.

Currently, there are four Political Science faculty members engaged in scholarship on the American Constitution, constitutional law, constitutional theory, law and courts, and American political thought. The Department of Political Science is hiring a fifth faculty member with expertise in several of these areas. This cluster of faculty will constitute the core resource of CSAC with regards to research and teaching. This concentration of scholars is unique in the Mountain West, rare in the nation as a whole, and presents Utah State with a unique opportunity for scholarly engagement in this field of humanities and political science.

In addition, the PLAC, housed in the Department of Political Science, has collaborated extensively with faculty in History, Economics, Philosophy, and Classics. It is expected that CSAC will continue to benefit from the engagement of faculty from these related but diverse fields.

The only endeavor similar to CSAC in USHE is at Utah Valley University which established a Center for Constitutional Studies in 2011. CSAC's activities will be an expansion of what PLAC undertook years before the establishment of the UVU center, and given the number of faculty participating in CSAC, it will serve as a valuable resource for USU students and degree programs in this, and related fields of study.

Section III: Institutional Impact

CSAC will be housed in Utah State's Department of Political Science in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and will utilize the existing administrative structure of the Project on Liberty and American Constitutionalism. CSAC will have no adverse impact on faculty, funding, facilities, or other resources and

is intended to favorably impact the scholarship of faculty and educational experience of students in political science and related disciplines.

Section IV: Finances

CSAC will not require any new funding to support its operations and achieve its purpose.

Section V: Program Curriculum

NA