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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE  
UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS  
TO BE HELD AT  
RAY OLPIN STUDENT UNION  
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

DECEMBER 5, 2008

Utah State Board of Regents  
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education  
Board of Regents Building, The Gateway  
60 South 400 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1284

departmental offices. The number of faculty and professional staff will not decline. However, assigned roles of individual staff members may change.

**Finances:** No additional costs are anticipated. The budget presently allocated to the Business Administration Department will be reallocated in a manner to equitably support the faculty and academic programs transferred to other departmental units.

ii. *Name Change: Information Systems Emphasis from Software Development Emphasis*

**Request:** The Department of Computer Science at Utah State University (USU) requests a name change of the BS emphasis in Information Systems to an emphasis in Software Development, effective Fall Semester 2009. This request was approved by the USU Board of Trustees on October 17, 2008.

**Need:** The Department of Computer Science at USU currently offers four accredited emphases under the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree: Science, Digital Systems, Information Systems, and Bioinformatics. These emphases are accredited by the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), and received a six year accreditation in 2007. Also, in 2007, ABET added a new BS degree accreditation track under the title Information Systems. The requirements for this degree are not the same as those for a computer science degree. Therefore, in the next accreditation cycle, USU's Information Systems emphasis in the Department of Computer Science could not receive accreditation under the same name as the new ABET degree. It is therefore proposed that the name of this emphasis be changed to Software Development. In addition to meeting accreditation requirements, this name change will better reflect the course curriculum, and the career opportunities available to graduates of this degree.

**Institutional Impact:** No institutional impact is anticipated from this name change, i.e. enrollments will not be affected in Computer Science or any other department; administrative structures will not be changed; and no new faculty, physical facilities, or equipment will be needed.

**Finances:** No additional finances will be required for this emphasis name change.

B. *Utah Valley University*

i. *Name Change: Interdisciplinary Studies Program from Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies*

**Request:** The University College at Utah Valley University (UVU) requests a unit name change from the Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies (COIS) to the Interdisciplinary Studies Program (IDST), effective spring 2009. The nine minors currently administered within COIS will stay with the Interdisciplinary Studies Program. These include American Indian Studies, American Studies, Cinema Studies, Classical Studies, Deaf Studies, Environmental Studies, Gender Studies, Peace and Justice Studies, and Religious Studies.

**Need:** The IDST seeks to communicate more effectively its unique role within the newly structured University College at UVU as well as with internal and external communities. Interdisciplinary studies programs exist at many institutions. Various configurations exist, but the name signifies opportunity for students to engage in rich and varied study and research that addresses complex problems by drawing on multiple disciplinary tools. IDST is the most common abbreviation for interdisciplinary studies programs at