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Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: Eliminate Plan C Option
Currently Approved Title: Plan C Master Degree in Physics
School or Division or Location: College of Science / Graduate School
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Physics
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs):
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 40.0801
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): upon approval
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: 01/03/2014

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

R401-5			R401-6		
<i>Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.</i>			<i>Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.</i>		
Section #		Item	Section #		Item
4.1.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor*	6.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
5.1.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Emphasis on an Existing Degree*	6.1.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Unit
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Proficiency Not Eligible for Financial Aid			
5.1.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs			
5.1.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer			
5.1.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Consolidation			
5.1.6	X	Program Discontinuation			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Creation			
5.1.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Transfer			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Consolidation			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Center			
5.1.8	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau			
5.1.9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate Certificate			

*Requires "Section VI: 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:

Printed Name:

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
Department Physics

Discontinuation of the Plan C in the M.S. Degree in Physics

Section I: Request

Recently the Physics Department completed a review of its graduate programs. Currently, Physics M.S. students can elect to complete either the Plan A (30 credits, including 6-15 credits of research), Plan B (30 credits, including 3 credits associated with a required report), or Plan C (33 credits, all course work).

In the review of the Physics graduate program it was found that the Plan C option is not substantially different from the Plan B option. Furthermore, the Plan C option does not comprise any research component, which is a highly desirable aspect of any postgraduate academic degree. Therefore, the department requests elimination of the Plan C (course work only) option from the Physics degree program.

Section II: Need

The Plan C option for a Master of Science in Physics does not require a research or literature review component and therefore does not conform to a Master of Science degree.

Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed changes will not affect existing administrative structures or existing facilities and will have essentially no impact on faculty and staff requirements.

Section IV: Finances

No costs or savings are anticipated to result from these program changes.

Section V: Program Curriculum

As this request is for dropping a program only, there is no program curriculum associated with this request.