Educational Policies Committee Program Proposal, College of Natural Resources, June 9, 2006 - Name Change of the Department of Aquatic, Watershed, and Earth Resources

Utah State University

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name of the degree and department is also the standard in other departments within the College of Pharmacy.

**Institutional Impact:** There should be little, if any, institutional impact. A new director of graduate studies has been named and an MS Committee is in place to oversee the program. Physical facility and equipment requirements and changes will be minimal.

**Finances:** At this time, the only anticipated costs include printing of revised brochures. The budgetary impact is nominal.

**B. Utah State University**

i. **Name Change of the Department of Aquatic, Watershed, and Earth Resources**

**The Request:** Utah State University requests that the name of the Department of Aquatic, Watershed, and Earth Resources at Utah State University be changed to the Department of Watershed Sciences. The Board of Trustees approved this request at its meeting of 3 March 2006.

**Need:** The Department of Watershed Sciences better captures the scope of USU’s academic and research programs. It is a simpler name that will allow USU to develop an identity with various constituencies. The term "watershed sciences" encompasses aspects of aquatic ecology and earth sciences that were more explicitly included in the former name. This change is part of a reworking of departmental names in the College of Natural Resources at Utah State University intended to provide a simple and clear description of the focus of each of our administrative units.

**Institutional Impact:** USU forseeses no impact on enrollments in instructional programs of affiliated departments or programs. There will be no new administrative structure and no new faculty, physical facilities or equipment impacted by this requested name change.

**Finances:** There are no costs associated with this change.

ii. **Name Change of Three Emphases within the Department of Business Information Systems**

**The Request:** Utah State University requests approval to change the name of the three emphases within the Department of Business Information Systems. The Board of Trustees approved this request at its meeting of 3 March 2006. The name changes are: 1) Management Information Systems Emphasis to Managerial Emphasis, 2) Office Systems Management Emphasis to Training and Development Emphasis, and 3) Electronic Commerce Emphasis to Technical Emphasis.

**Need:** This request is being made in order to align these emphases names more closely with business/industry terminology.

**Institutional Impact:** There will be no institutional impact by renaming these emphases.