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Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University

Proposed Title: M.S. in Bioregional Planning

School or Division or Location: Quinney College of Natural Resources

Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Environment and Society

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 1

Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 03.0206

Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs):

Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: March 4, 2016

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

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*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: February 26, 2016

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.
Section I: Request
The M.S. in Bioregional Planning is currently offered jointly by the Departments of Environment and Society (ENVS) and Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning (LAEP). ENVS is requesting a suspension of admissions, thus ceding the program to LAEP.

Section II: Need
Currently, LAEP and ENVS share admissions for students in the M.S. in Bioregional Planning, which originated in LAEP in the College of Agricultural Sciences. The primary faculty member supporting the program (Dr. Warren-Kretchzschmar) is in LAEP. ENVS no longer maintains and has no plans to acquire faculty expertise in the area of Bioregional Planning. It is thus administratively appropriate to return to the original configuration of the program within LAEP. ENVS will continue to support students enrolled in Bioregional Planning, but would discontinue new admissions.

Section III: Institutional Impact
Once current Bioregional Planning students have completed the program, ENVS will reallocate the space currently assigned to that program to other departmental needs. LAEP should enjoy an increase in enrollments in the program.

Section IV: Finances
No budgetary impact.

Section V: Program Curriculum
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Program Schedule
To be effective Fall semester 2016.