EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

2 March 2017

A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee will be held on 2 March 2017 at 3:00 pm in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room)

1. Approval of the minutes of the 2 February 2017 meeting (link)

2. Subcommittee Reports

   a. Curriculum Subcommittee (Vijay Kannan)
      Course Approvals

      Program Proposals
      Request from the School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to offer a Master of Aviation Science. (link)

      Request from the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering to offer a Master of Science in Data Science. (link)

      Request from the Department of Engineering Education in the College of Engineering to offer an On-Line Certificate in Engineering Education. (link)

      Request from the Department of Environment and Society in the S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to restructure the Environmental Studies Bachelor of Science program. (link)

   b. Academic Standards Subcommittee (Scott Bates)
      Minutes – February 9, 2017

   c. General Education Subcommittee (Lee Rickords)
      Minutes – February 21, 2017

3. Other Business

   Adjourn:
A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee was held on 2 February 2017 at 3:00 pm in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room)

Present:  Vijay Kannan for Ed Reeve, Chair  
Michele Hillard, Secretary  
Dan Coster, College of Science  
Kacy Lundstrom, Libraries  
Vijay Kannan, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair, Huntsman School of Business  
Eddy Berry, Humanities and Social Sciences  
Jared Schultz, Education and Human Services  
Brian Warnick, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences  
Claudia Radel, Quinney College of Natural Resources  
Melanie Nelson, USU-Eastern  
Barbara Williams, Catalog Editor  
Fran Hopkin, Registrar’s Office  
Carly Thornhill for Ashley Waddoups, USUSA President  
Lee Rickords, General Education Subcommittee Chair  
Nick Flann, Graduate Council  
Leslie Brott, Caine College of the Arts  
Ryan Bentall, USUSA Executive Vice President  
Scott Bates, Academic Standards Subcommittee Chair

Absent:  Ty Aller, Graduate Studies Senator  
Janet Anderson, Provost’s Office  
Thomas Fronk, Engineering  
Heidi Kesler, Registrar’s Office  
Jessica Hansen, Academic and Instructional Services  
Nathan Straight, Regional Campuses

I. Approval of the minutes of the 12 January 2016 meeting
Motion to approve the 12 January 2016 minutes made by Ryan Bentall. Seconded by Eddy Berry. Minutes approved pending Ryan Bentall attendee change.

II. Subcommittee Reports

a. Curriculum Subcommittee (Vijay Kannan)
Motion to approve the Curriculum Subcommittee report made by Eddy Berry. Seconded by Claudia Radel. Report approved.
Course Approvals

Program Proposals
Request from the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering to offer a Computer Science Teaching Minor.

b. Academic Standards Subcommittee (Scott Bates)
Motion to approve the Academic Standards Subcommittee report made by Jared Schultz. Seconded by Leslie Brott. Report approved.

c. General Education Subcommittee (Lee Rickords)
Motion to approve the General Education Subcommittee report made by Ryan Bentall. Seconded by Kacy Lundstrom. Report approved.

III. Other Business
Curriculog shut down – actions to be taken. Send out email/letter to departments and colleges to let them know which forms will be shut down/deleted and the timeline.

Adjourn: 3:20 pm
### Utah System of Higher Education
### New Academic Program Proposal
### Cover/Signature Page - Full Template

**Institution Submitting Request:** Utah State University  
**Proposed Program Title:** Master of Aviation Science  
**Sponsoring School, College, or Division:** College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (CAAS)  
**Sponsoring Academic Department(s) or Unit(s):** School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education (ASTE)  
**Classification of Instructional Program Code**: 49.0104  
**Min/Max Credit Hours Required of Full Program:** 33 / 33  
**Proposed Beginning Term:** Spring 2018  

#### Program Type (check all that apply):

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2 “Proposed Beginning Term” refers to first term after Regent approval that students may declare this program.  
3 Please indicate award such as APE, BFA, MBA, MEd, EdD, JD
Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:
I, the Chief Academic Officer or Designee, certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Please type your first and last name __________ Date:

☐ I understand that checking this box constitutes my legal signature.
Section I: The Request

Utah State University requests approval to offer the following Master's degree(s): Master of Aviation Science effective Spring 2018. This program was approved by the institutional Board of Trustees on.

Section II: Program Proposal

Program Description

Present a complete, formal program description.

The School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education recommends a new program at the master's level in Aviation Science. This degree will stack a new degree above the existing Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Technology. The new Master of Aviation Science (MAS) program will build on the existing aviation curriculum and provide opportunities for professionals in the aviation industry. The program will be an online degree, focusing on Aviation Safety, that will complement the existing master's programs in ASTE. The program will require students to complete four core courses (12 credits), six credits in their applied research/demonstration project, three courses (9 credits) in their focus area, and two courses (6 credits) of electives. The 33 credit program mirrors the existing Technology Engineering Education Master's degree, and the on-line Career and Technical Education MEd degree in ASTE. There have been several aviation students who have completed their master's degree in TEE, with a focus in Aviation Technology and this experience has been used to guide this request. This program will bring a new degree with potential interest for industry professionals, and others with academic backgrounds/training in aviation. Aviation safety is a highly desired and sought after specialty in corporate, commercial and general aviation. Aviation business and management personnel, as well as pilots and maintenance professionals will have interest in this degree.

Consistency with Institutional Mission

Explain how the program is consistent with the institution's Regents-approved mission, roles, and goals. Institutional mission and roles may be found at higheredutah.org/policies/policyr312/.

The Mission Statement of USU includes specific statements on learning, discovery and engagement. The overall mission statement of Utah schools includes emphasis on local, state and national levels, which an online program is designed to help. As USU graduates, and those of other institutions, enter the workforce, there is often a need to expand skills, knowledge and abilities, to prepare them for increased service, employment and development.

There is an effort to expand the degree opportunities for students through online degrees. Whereas the Bachelor's level Aviation Technology degree requires class time and flight time to be logged with an instructor by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the master's degree can be delivered 100% online. Faculty and staff can teach from anywhere as the students take the courses from anywhere. This degree will meet the challenge to "discover, create and transmit knowledge through education and training programs" not only at the undergraduate level, but "graduate and professional levels" as specified in the Utah State University mission statement. This proposal will strengthen USU's status in the nation as a top tier aviation program, and place us amongst the leading institutions that currently offer master's degrees. This online program is consistent with the goals of growth and economic development, as there is no infrastructure (classroom) requirements, and the market is a global audience.

Section III: Needs Assessment

Program Rationale

Describe the institutional procedures used to arrive at a decision to offer the program. Briefly indicate why such a program should be initiated. State how the institution and the USHE benefit by offering the proposed program.

Faculty and staff in the Aviation Technology program researched the need for a program to advance professionals in the aviation industry. While traveling to national conferences and meeting with industry professionals, the desire for aviation
professionals--both pilots and maintenance individuals--to have a master's degree was clear. This online degree will enable professionals in the industry to take courses while maintaining a variable work schedule that is common in the aviation industry.

The department has applicable experience through working with aviation professionals in the Technology and Engineering Education M.S. degree program. Student interest and faculty commitment to developing online resources to enhance course offerings provide a solid foundation for this proposal. As new courses are developed and enrollment increases, additional instructors can then be hired, possibly as adjuncts, with the ability to teach from anywhere, or the aviation program will be able to expand the resident faculty to assume the load. USU and USHE will then be one of a select group of universities to offer a 100% online master's degree in the aviation discipline.

**Labor Market Demand**

Provide local, state, and/or national labor market data that speak to the need for this program. Occupational demand, wage, and number of annual openings information may be found at sources such as Utah DWS Occupation Information Data Viewer (jobs.utah.govjsp/wi/utalims/gotoOccinfo.do) and the Occupation Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/oco).

According to the 2016-17 Occupational Outlook Handbook, "employment for commercial pilots is projected to grow 10% from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations." The median pay for airline and commercial pilots in 2015 was $102,520. The aviation industry is robust and job opportunities will continue as commercial pilots reach the mandatory retirement age of 65. The competition for careers at major airlines is strong. Although a graduate degree is not required for advancement in the industry, the attainment of an advanced degree provides a strong indicator of a candidate's commitment to currency and self-initiated development that is a hallmark of the industry. As the aviation industry continues to grow, there is an ever increasing need for management professionals with advanced degrees. The current market demonstrates nearly a 100% job placement rate for aviation graduates, and many alumni and industry professionals are seeking out opportunities for higher education.

**Student Demand**

Provide evidence of student interest and demand that supports potential program enrollment. Use Appendix D to project five years' enrollments and graduates. Note: If the proposed program is an expansion of an existing program, present several years enrollment trends by headcount and/or by student credit hours that justify expansion.

An informal interest survey conducted in the spring of 2016 within the USU graduating class revealed that over 50% of graduates will be interested in pursuing an advanced degree at some time in their career. At the fall 2016 USU Aviation Advisory Committee Meeting, every airline and maintenance organization represented expressed an interest in this proposed degree, as many mid-level career professionals are interested in advanced education to assist them in their career paths. While not required for the major airlines, many recruiters reflect a desire and need for aviation professionals with a master's degree demonstrating currency of education. It is anticipated that this program will attract 10-15 students in the first year of approval and, with a marketing campaign at the national level, the enrollment will show steady consistent growth with our target enrollment of 60 students.

**Similar Programs**

Are similar programs offered elsewhere in the USHE, the state, or Intermountain Region? If yes, identify the existing program(s) and cite justifications for why the Regents should approve another program of this type. How does the proposed program differ from or compliment similar program(s)?

There are no aviation master's degrees in Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada or Colorado. Arizona has Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (a private institution), with master's and doctoral degrees in aviation. There are Aerospace Engineering and similar degrees at USU, University of Utah and other Colorado schools, but none for aviation professionals that are not engineers. This new program is designed for aviation professionals that are pilots, dispatchers, airport managers, maintenance technicians, business managers and military aviators. The Master of Aviation Science degree will complement our current Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation Technology.
Collaboration with and Impact on Other USHE Institutions

Indicate if the program will be delivered outside of designated service area; provide justification. Service areas are defined in higheredutah.org/policies/policyr315/. Assess the impact the new program will have on other USHE institutions. Describe any discussions with other institutions pertaining to this program. Include any collaborative efforts that may have been proposed.

Because this is an online degree, a graduate of any USHE institution with a bachelor's degree will be eligible to apply with the target audience being those in the commercial aviation industry. This program will be available to anyone in the world. Aviation faculty members have spoken with other institution faculty members, including Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and California Baptist University to identify positive academic alignment and avoid pitfalls they have experienced.

External Review and Accreditation

Indicate whether external consultants or, for a career and technical education program, program advisory committee were involved in the development of the proposed program. List the members of the external consultants or advisory committee and briefly describe their activities. If the program will seek special professional accreditation, project anticipated costs and a date for accreditation review.

The USU Aviation advisory committee consists of industry partners, including: SkyWest Airlines, Envoy, Republic Airways, Trans States Airlines, Duncan Aviation, Mesa, Delta, Air Wisconsin, Endeavor Air, GoJet Airlines, Comutair (United Express), and Western Aircraft. The Utah State University Aviation Advisory Committee was consulted about this new program, (Master of Aviation Science) and they indicated that aviation safety is an appropriate consistent foundational theme. The advisory committee members were all interested in, and offered encouragement and advice for the program development. The group also stated that Maintenance Management would be an area that would be in demand; however, USU does not currently have faculty to support this focus. There is no specific accreditation required for this new master's degree.

Section IV: Program Details

Graduation Standards and Number of Credits

Provide graduation standards. Provide justification if number of credit or clock hours exceeds credit limit for this program type described in R401-3.11, which can be found at higheredutah.org/policies/R401.

The Master of Aviation Science will require 33 credits in 11 courses. This is standard for other master's programs at USU, and modeled after the existing TEE Master's degree. Students will complete a course in research development followed by a creative/applied research project. No residency is required in this online degree program.

Admission Requirements

List admission requirements specific to the proposed program.

Admission requirements will mirror current master's degrees in the graduate school and ASTE. Students will complete the online application, complete with the current GRE or MAT exam, letters and transcripts. The only additional requirement will be aviation experience or background. This may be accomplished by one of the following: Aviation Degree, Aviation Certifications (e.g. pilot's license, FAA certification as an aircraft mechanic--Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) license) or other aviation employment/experience.

Curriculum and Degree Map

Use the tables in Appendix A to provide a list of courses and Appendix B to provide a program Degree Map, also referred to as a graduation plan.

Section V: Institution, Faculty, and Staff Support

Institutional Readiness

How do existing administrative structures support the proposed program? Identify new organizational structures that may be needed to deliver the program. Will the proposed program impact the delivery of undergraduate and/or lower-division education? If yes, how?
There are four Aviation faculty members with master’s degrees, and industry experience, who are responsible for the content and instruction of the AV online courses. USU’s CIDI (Center for Innovative Design and Instruction) has helped develop the courses which are currently being taught within the Technology and Engineering Education Master of Science degree program as needed. Additional faculty expertise may be needed as the program grows and course offerings expand. There has been no degradation of any undergraduate programs or courses. As this program is 100% online, there is no additional classroom infrastructure required. The current CANVAS LMS and web-based applications have proven excellent for course presentation. The online course offering, including the online Career and Technical Education (CTE) Master of Education degree, within ASTE, demonstrates the capability and capacity to develop and deliver this new program.

Faculty
Describe faculty development activities that will support this program. Will existing faculty/ instructors, including teaching/graduate assistants, be sufficient to instruct the program or will additional faculty be recruited? If needed, provide plans and resources to secure qualified faculty. Use Appendix C to provide detail on faculty profiles and new hires.

Current faculty, primarily in the Aviation Technology, and the Technology and Engineering Education programs in ASTE, have the expertise to oversee and develop the program. Current faculty members have participated in professional development opportunities, including the Empowering Teaching Excellence seminars, workshops and development programs at USU—especially the online and distance education focused courses.

Staff
Describe the staff development activities that will support this program. Will existing staff such as administrative, secretarial/clerical, laboratory aides, advisors, be sufficient to support the program or will additional staff need to be hired? Provide plans and resources to secure qualified staff, as needed.

Current staff is available to manage the students when supplemented by other ASTE faculty. The day-to-day activities will be incorporated into ASTE’s existing infrastructure that supports graduate programs. The student program development and mentoring will also use the existing programming guidelines set for by the School of Graduate Studies at USU.

Student Advisement
Describe how students in the proposed program will be advised.

Students will be advised initially by the Professional Pilot Program Director. The faculty from ASTE can provide additional support in advising and mentoring. The current faculty have experience in working with online graduate students and will integrate best practices for working with students at a distance.

Library and Information Resources
Describe library resources required to offer the proposed program if any. List new library resources to be acquired.

The current support of the library with online capabilities will be an excellent resource for students in the Master of Aviation Science program. The USU library currently provides the Aviation Technology undergraduate programs with adequate library resources. Current aviation related resources, coupled with the resources available to TEE MS and CTE MEd degree programs will provide adequate library resources for this new degree program. No new requirements are foreseen at this time.

Projected Enrollment and Finance
Use Appendix D to provide projected enrollment and information on related operating expenses and funding sources.

Section VI: Program Evaluation

Program Assessment
Identify program goals. Describe the system of assessment to be used to evaluate and develop the program.

The degree aims to expand the reach of the Aviation Technology program across the United States and world, not just in Utah. However, the goal is to become the premier school for aviation in the Mountain West, and offering this online degree helps to reach this objective. Additionally, the program aims to develop students who are prepared for advancement with the aviation
related professions. Students will be prepared to provide leadership in aviation careers, ready to think broadly and deeply and to advance within their field. Students will be evaluated on their ability to reflect and think about challenges in aviation, and how to bring the latest technologies to improve the safety and security of aviation. The department will continue to use a holistic approach to program assessment and improvements.

**Student Standards of Performance**

*List the standards, competencies, and marketable skills students will have achieved at the time of graduation. How and why were these standards and competencies chosen? Include formative and summative assessment measures to be used to determine student learning outcomes.*

Graduates will be able to articulate the impact of aviation on the economic and social aspects of society. They will be able to relate specifics of the airline system, general aviation and modern technology as it applies to their role as a leader and manager. Students will be evaluated on their ability to write and research on a specific project, either related to their current field or in view of a new or expanded role. Students will be able to relate the history of aviation safety, and emerging efforts to continue to improve aviation safety.
Appendix A: Program Curriculum

List all courses, including new courses, to be offered in the proposed program by prefix, number, title, and credit hours (or credit equivalences). Indicate new courses with an X in the appropriate columns. The total number of credit hours should reflect the number of credits required to be awarded the degree.

For variable credits, please enter the minimum value in the table for credit hours. To explain variable credit in detail as well as any additional information, use the narrative box at the end of this appendix.

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Program Curriculum Narrative

Describe any variable credits. You may also include additional curriculum information.

The program will not require a cohort approach. Students may start any semester and take courses in any order, except the Research Methods course must be taken prior to the capstone project course.
Degree Map

Degree maps pertain to undergraduate programs ONLY. Provide a degree map for proposed program. Degree Maps were approved by the State Board of Regents on July 17, 2014 as a degree completion measure. Degree maps or graduation plans are a suggested semester-by-semester class schedule that includes prefix, number, title, and semester hours. For more details see http://higheredutah.org/pdf/agendas/201407/TAB%20A%202014-7-18.pdf (Item #3).

Please cut-and-paste the degree map or manually enter the degree map in the table below.
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Identify # of department faculty / staff (headcount) for the year preceding implementation of proposed program.

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### Part II. Proposed Program Faculty Profiles

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### Part III: New Faculty / Staff Projections for Proposed Program

Indicate the number of faculty / staff to be hired in the first three years of the program, if applicable. Include additional cost for these faculty / staff members in Appendix D.
| Faculty: Full Time with Doctorate | | | Academic or Industry Credentials Needed | Est. % of time to be dedicated to proposed program. |
| Faculty: Part Time with Doctorate | | | | |
| Faculty: Full Time with Masters | | | | |
| Faculty: Part Time with Masters | | | | |
| Faculty: Full Time with Baccalaureate | | | | |
| Faculty: Part Time with Baccalaureate | | | | |
| Teaching / Graduate Assistants | | | | |
| Staff: Full Time | | | | |
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### Part I.

*Project the number of students who will be attracted to the proposed program as well as increased expenses, if any. Include new faculty & staff as described in Appendix C.*

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Part II: Expense explanation

Expense Narrative
Describe expenses associated with the proposed program.
Program expenses are being directed from the progressive, thoughtful program growth as guided by student, faculty, and industry input.

Part III: Describe funding sources

Revenue Narrative 1
Describe what internal reallocations, if applicable, are available and any impact to existing programs or services.
ASTE has no additional line revenue streams that have been committed to this program. The primary revenue that can be directed towards this program will come through funding generated internally based upon the graduate program SCH return. The ASTE faculty are committed to steady program growth and enhancement.

Revenue Narrative 2
Describe new funding sources and plans to acquire the funds.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University

Proposed Program Title: Masters of Science in Data Science

Sponsoring School, College, or Division: College of Engineering

Sponsoring Academic Department(s) or Unit(s): Computer Science

Classification of Instructional Program Code1: 11.0701, 14.0903

Min/Max Credit Hours Required of Full Program: 30 / 30

Proposed Beginning Term2: Fall 2017

Program Type (check all that apply):

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Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I, the Chief Academic Officer or Designee, certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

________________________________________ Date:

☐ I understand that checking this box constitutes my legal signature.

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2 “Proposed Beginning Term” refers to first term after Regent approval that students may declare this program.

3 Please indicate award such as APE, BFA, MBA, MEd, EdD, JD
Section I: The Request

Utah State University requests approval to offer the following Master's degree(s): Masters of Science in Data Science effective Fall 2017. This program was approved by the institutional Board of Trustees on.

Section II: Program Proposal

Program Description

Present a complete, formal program description.

Academic and industry researchers are increasingly using data-driven methods to build models of complex systems for forecasting, prediction, risk management, or strategic decision-making. As evidence of a trend in research, in 2012, the White House announced the first "Big Data Research and Development Initiative" spanning NSF, DoD, NIH, DARPA, DoE, and USGS. As summarized by one report from the White House Big Data Initiative, this need is becoming more acute "as the collection, storage, and analysis of data continues on an upward and seemingly boundless trajectory, fueled by increases in processing power, the cratering costs of computation and storage, and growing number of sensor technologies embedded in devices of all kinds." see Big Data: Seizing Opportunities, Preserving Values. In 2011 a McKinsey report estimated there would be 140,000 to 190,000 unfilled positions of U.S. data science and analytics experts by 2018. For companies like Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, Amazon, and Walmart data science is becoming integrated into their business models. They are investing heavily in large-scale data analytics and the software needed to extract information from massive datasets.

The current shortage of data scientists reflects the relatively broad skills required by potential employers, both in research and industry. This motivates the underlying objectives of our program: to prepare our students through cross-disciplinary training to develop innovative software solutions that improve the efficiency and scope of data science tools. Students obtaining a Masters of Science in Data Science will be able to:

1. Develop innovative software solutions that improve the efficiency and scope of data science tools;
2. Apply existing programming tools, languages, and algorithms to build, clean and process large datasets as efficiently as possible;
3. Understand how to successfully work with multidisciplinary teams to identify and construct computational solutions to solve problems from a diversity of domains within Utah industries and departments and research centers throughout USU;
4. Understand how to expand the functionality of state-of-the-art high-performance data science software.

Students completing the Master of Data Science program will thus be prepared to compete in the modern job market. USU currently has no MS degree in Data Science. To satisfy the needs of students, prospective employers, and communities, the CS department proposes to offer a Master of Science in Data Science, offered as a Plan A MS degree only.

In our proposed Data Science degree program, students will satisfy following conditions to graduate:

- Take at least 30 credits in total
- Take at least five core Computer Science or Statistics courses. Among the five courses, at least three courses should be 6000 level
- Actively participate in a new Incubator course that brings together CS data science students with students from across campus working on applied data science research.
- Take six research credits
- Additional multidisciplinary courses under their major professor's approval
Consistency with Institutional Mission

Explain how the program is consistent with the institution's Regents-approved mission, roles, and goals. Institutional mission and roles may be found at higheredutah.org/policies/policyr312/.

The mission of Utah State University is to be one of the nation’s premier student-centered land grant and space grant universities by fostering the principle that academics come first; by cultivating diversity of thought and culture; and by serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement. The Masters of Science in Computer Science program proposed here will advance these objectives, not only within the Computer Science Department, but throughout the University and across Utah. Students trained under this program will gain valuable skills that are in high demand and contribute to the growing high-tech economy in Utah, particularly across the Wasatch front. This year, the university has begun a "big data" initiative with new faculty lines introduced across several colleges, including Education, Natural Resources, Business, Ag, Science, and Engineering. Computer Science will play a pivotal role in this effort because computer scientists research, design and implement the software and algorithms that make these "big data" systems work.

Section III: Needs Assessment

Program Rationale

Describe the institutional procedures used to arrive at a decision to offer the program. Briefly indicate why such a program should be initiated. State how the institution and the USHE benefit by offering the proposed program.

A new Masters of Science program is required to satisfy the rapid growth in the demand for computer scientists who specialize in data science. A new MS program is required, rather than a limited expansion of our existing general computer science MS because data science requires a distinct program of courses due to its multidisciplinary nature and extensive set of computer science skills required. The Computer Science department has laid the groundwork for this initiative over the last three years with two new faculty hires in data science, machine learning and data mining. This new Masters of Science program will help unify research efforts across campus and complement the new Data Analytics program in Statistics and Business.

Labor Market Demand

Provide local, state, and/or national labor market data that speak to the need for this program. Occupational demand, wage, and number of annual openings information may be found at sources such as Utah DWS Occupation Information Data Viewer (jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoOccinfo.do) and the Occupation Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/oco).

There is a significant imbalance between the supply and the demand for Data Scientists. Glassdoor report (www.glassdoor.com) ranks Data Scientist job as the “Best Job in America for 2016” based on career opportunities rating, the number of open data science jobs and average salaries earned by data scientists. According to this site, the nationwide average Data Scientist earns $113,000 compared to $63,500 for the average software engineer. The McKinsey Global Institute estimates that by 2018 the U.S will need an additional 140,000 to 190,000 with data science skills. Both Bloomberg Businessweek (see Help Wanted: Black Belts in Data) and the Wall Street Journal (New Report Puts Numbers on Data Scientist Trend) have more recently reported starting salaries for well-qualified data scientists in excess of $200K As Tech Booms, Workers Turn to Coding for Career Change). Bloomberg additionally cites summer internships for students that are currently paying $6000-$10000 per month.

Student Demand

Provide evidence of student interest and demand that supports potential program enrollment. Use Appendix D to project five years’ enrollments and graduates. Note: If the proposed program is an expansion of an existing program, present several years enrollment trends by headcount and/or by student credit hours that justify expansion.

The classes offered in our graduate program with a Data Science emphasis have the highest enrollment compared to other classes. These include CS 5800: Databases - 56 students, CS 6800: Advanced databases - 60 students, CS 5665: Introduction to Data Science - 32 students, and CS 6675: Advance Data Science and Mining - 23 students. Based on the
market research quoted above, a high student demand is anticipated for this program.

Similar Programs

Are similar programs offered elsewhere in the USHE, the state, or Intermountain Region? If yes, identify the existing program(s) and cite justifications for why the Regents should approve another program of this type. How does the proposed program differ from or compliment similar program(s)?

Similar programs

In 2014 University of Utah initiated a "big data certificate" offered by the Computing Department. The certificate requires students to take five core classes in Advanced Algorithms, Database Systems, Data Mining, Machine Learning and Visualization. The department now offers a Big Data Masters (MS in Computing) and a Big Data Ph.D. (Ph.D. in Computing) (http://www.cs.utah.edu/bigdata/). The MS program extends the certificate requirements for plan A specialization to include three electives and a thesis. The Ph.D. requires a Ph.D. dissertation.

The proposed Data Science program will complements UoU's program by taking a multidisciplinary approach where data science faculty from other departments (strengthened by the cluster hire process) work directly with CS faculty and students to develop solutions to real problems, facilitated by the new incubator course. This applied approach fits well with USU's land-grant mission.

Collaboration with and Impact on Other USHE Institutions

Indicate if the program will be delivered outside of designated service area; provide justification. Service areas are defined in higheredutah.org/policies/policyr315/ . Assess the impact the new program will have on other USHE institutions. Describe any discussions with other institutions pertaining to this program. Include any collaborative efforts that may have been proposed.

The proposed Data Science program will not be delivered outside of the designated service area, and due to the multidisciplinary approach and the magnitude of the target population, should not have an adverse impact on other USHE institutions. It is anticipated that many of the program participants will come from other closely-related and application-specific fields.

External Review and Accreditation

Indicate whether external consultants or, for a career and technical education program, program advisory committee were involved in the development of the proposed program. List the members of the external consultants or advisory committee and briefly describe their activities. If the program will seek special professional accreditation, project anticipated costs and a date for accreditation review.

There are no accreditation requirements for this program. However, the CS departments industrial advisory board will periodically evaluate the curriculum and student success.

Section IV: Program Details

Graduation Standards and Number of Credits

Provide graduation standards. Provide justification if number of credit or clock hours exceeds credit limit for this program type described in R401-3.11, which can be found at higheredutah.org/policies/R401.

Students must complete 30 credit hours as detailed below in Appendix A. All students will complete a Plan A and are required to complete a Thesis that will be reviewed by their committee.
Admission Requirements
List admission requirements specific to the proposed program.
A bachelors degree in Computer Science or closely related field. Coursework in basic Statistics (equivalent to STAT 3000).

Curriculum and Degree Map
Use the tables in Appendix A to provide a list of courses and Appendix B to provide a program Degree Map, also referred to as a graduation plan.

Section V: Institution, Faculty, and Staff Support

Institutional Readiness
How do existing administrative structures support the proposed program? Identify new organizational structures that may be needed to deliver the program. Will the proposed program impact the delivery of undergraduate and/or lower-division education? If yes, how?

The department's graduate program's organization is well positioned to handle the extra administrative load this new program will entail. Currently, the Associate Department Head oversees the graduate program of approximately 60 MS students and 25 PhD students. This faculty oversight will be sufficient to cover the administration during initial growth of this new program, although we anticipate requiring an additional administrative assistant to better manage the day-to-day operations as the program grows. The undergraduate program is experiencing rapid growth and has recently hired two new instructors to teach undergraduate courses full time to cover the extra classes required. No adverse effects on the quality of our undergraduate program due to this new MS are anticipated. Indeed, it is expected that the addition of 5000 level classes in data science related topics will improve the readiness of our graduating undergraduate students.

Faculty
Describe faculty development activities that will support this program. Will existing faculty/instructors, including teaching/graduate assistants, be sufficient to instruct the program or will additional faculty be recruited? If needed, provide plans and resources to secure qualified faculty. Use Appendix C to provide detail on faculty profiles and new hires.

Two CS faculty members have developed and offered four graduate courses in data science: CS 5800: Databases, CS 6800: Advanced databases, CS 5665: Introduction to Data Science, and CS 6675: Advance Data Science and Mining. Two other faculty members have offered to teach our newly proposed classes CS 6895: Special Topics in Data Science and CS 5630/6830: Data Science Incubator. The CS department plan to hire one new faculty members by 2017 summer so that they can teach CS 6665: Data Mining, CS 6895: Special Topics in Data Science, along with relevant new courses they may create. Additionally, the department is committed to hiring an additional teaching faculty for existing undergrad courses, freeing up teaching duties for research faculty needed to teach the new grad courses. Teaching assistants will be provided as needed, funded completely or in part by the differential tuition generated by the courses themselves.

Staff
Describe the staff development activities that will support this program. Will existing staff such as administrative, secretarial/clerical, laboratory aides, advisors, be sufficient to support the program or will additional staff need to be hired? Provide plans and resources to secure qualified staff, as needed.

No additional staff will be required for this program.
Student Advisement
Describe how students in the proposed program will be advised.
Students in the new program will be advised by their major professor and committee.

Library and Information Resources
Describe library resources required to offer the proposed program if any. List new library resources to be acquired.
No additional library and information resources will be required. Existing library resources plus those available on the web are sufficient to fully support the program.

Projected Enrollment and Finance
Use Appendix D to provide projected enrollment and information on related operating expenses and funding sources.

Section VI: Program Evaluation

Program Assessment
Identify program goals. Describe the system of assessment to be used to evaluate and develop the program.

Student Standards of Performance
List the standards, competencies, and marketable skills students will have achieved at the time of graduation. How and why were these standards and competencies chosen? Include formative and summative assessment measures to be used to determine student learning outcomes.
### Appendix A: Program Curriculum

List all courses, including new courses, to be offered in the proposed program by prefix, number, title, and credit hours (or credit equivalences). Indicate new courses with an X in the appropriate columns. The total number of credit hours should reflect the number of credits required to be awarded the degree.

For variable credits, please enter the minimum value in the table for credit hours. To explain variable credit in detail as well as any additional information, use the narrative box at the end of this appendix.

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**Required Course Credit Hour Sub-Total**: 24

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|               |            | **Elective Credit Hour Sub-Total**                  | 6            |
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| + X           | MIS 6230   | Management of Database Systems                      | 3            |
| + X           | MIS 6330   | Database Implementation                             | 3            |
| + X           | PSC 6123   | Climate Data Analysis                               | 3            |
| + X           | STAT 5810  | Introduction to Statistical Computing               | 3            |
| + X           | STAT 6550  | Graphical Methods                                   | 3            |
| + X           | STAT 6650  | Stat Learning: Multivariate Stat Analysis for Bioinformatics, Data | 3  |
| + X           | MIS 5350   | Data Modeling and Analytics                         | 3            |
| + X           | CS 6970    | Internship                                           | 3            |
| + X           | CS 6600    | Advanced Machine Intelligence                       | 3            |
|               |            | (students will select two from the above list)      |              |
| + X           |            | Choose one of the following courses:                |              |

**Core Curriculum Credit Hour Sub-Total**: 30
Program Curriculum Narrative

Describe any variable credits. You may also include additional curriculum information.

This Plan A program includes 18 hours of core computer science courses that provide the necessary skill set for a data scientist in computer science. CS 5800 and CS 6800 courses cover large data storage and management methods in databases; CS 5665 and CS 6665 include state-of-the-art algorithms and methodologies and their implementation in class projects; CS 6830 applies the "business incubator" model employed in industry and aims to give students real-world experience in working with domain experts to produce proof-of-concept data science applications. This class, which may be repeated, is based on the recent entrepreneurial process of that bring diverse groups of scientists, engineers and business experts together to explore the feasibility of new technologies. In this class, the experts will be researchers, faculty and their students from other departments that are currently working in data science. Teams will be formed based on the application and computational need, and CS students will be assigned to assist in the implementation of the projects. It is anticipated that many of the projects arising from these collaborations will form the Plan A theses topics for Data Science MS students.

A student must pursue the Plan A option with the minimum of 30 credit hours, six of which must be thesis hours, designated as CS 6970. These requirements mirror our existing Computer Science MS.

The department will offer special topics classes in Data Science based on advancements in technology, specific research interests of faculty and perceived need. Other than this CS option, only a few possible elective courses are listed. The field of data science and the course offerings within the university are in a state of flux, with many colleges adding new courses covering data science from their perspective. In particular, the Statistics department in the College of Science is currently developing their own data science program and adding many new courses. Statistics underlies many of the methods applied in Data Science, and CS students will be directed to take appropriate courses once it becomes clear which courses are available and appropriate.

Data Science is multidisciplinary and covers a broad range of problems and methods. The classes listed above as electives are a sampling of possible classes the students may take. Many additional classes in data science related areas are currently being designed and approved. The CS program in Data Science needs to be flexible to customize the degree to the requirements and objectives of each student. This is the underlying reason for the built-in flexibility of classes outside the CS core. In every case, classes outside of the core must be approved by the student's committee and managed using the standard Program of Study process.
Degree Map

Degree maps pertain to undergraduate programs ONLY. Provide a degree map for proposed program. Degree Maps were approved by the State Board of Regents on July 17, 2014 as a degree completion measure. Degree maps or graduation plans are a suggested semester-by-semester class schedule that includes prefix, number, title, and semester hours. For more details see http://higheredutah.org/pdf/agendas/201407/TAB%20A%202014-7-18.pdf (Item #3).

Please cut-and-paste the degree map or manually enter the degree map in the table below.
Appendix C: Current and New Faculty / Staff Information

Part I. Department Faculty / Staff

Identify # of department faculty / staff (headcount) for the year preceding implementation of proposed program.

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Part II. Proposed Program Faculty Profiles

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Part III: New Faculty / Staff Projections for Proposed Program

Indicate the number of faculty / staff to be hired in the first three years of the program, if applicable. Include additional cost for these faculty / staff members in Appendix D.

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Appendix D: Projected Program Participation and Finance

Part I.

Project the number of students who will be attracted to the proposed program as well as increased expenses, if any. Include new faculty & staff as described in Appendix C.

### Three Year Projection: Program Participation and Department Budget

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### Department Financial Data

Project additional expenses associated with offering new program(s). Account for New Faculty as stated in Appendix C, "Faculty Projections."

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### FUNDING – source of funding to cover additional costs generated by proposed program(s)

Describe internal reallocation using Narrative 1 on the following page. Describe new sources of funding using Narrative 2.

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Part II: Expense explanation

Expense Narrative
Describe expenses associated with the proposed program.
A cluster hire specifically in Data Science is underway University-wide. Faculty are being hired over a diversity of colleges and departments to support USU’s new emphasis in Data Science. Many of these hires are directed to support specific applications of Data Science in the Colleges of Business, Agriculture, Education, Natural Resources, Science and the Humanities. Computer Science has been allocated one of these positions to support the proposed MS DS program specifically. An expectation of this new hire will be that they will contribute to teaching our existing Data Science classes and our newly proposed classes in advanced topics and the incubator class. The search for a person to fill this faculty position is underway.

The department is requesting funds for one additional full time staff (see Appropriation in Appendix D, part 1). The allocation of additional space for teaching, faculty offices, research and staff is underway. The COE is in the process of arranging for the CS department to move to a building local to the Engineering building that will increase the square footage available. Additionally, there is a commitment to invest in the extensive remodeling of this space to better accommodate the needs of the CS department.

Part III: Describe funding sources

Revenue Narrative 1
Describe what internal reallocations, if applicable, are available and any impact to existing programs or services.
The department is committed to hiring an additional teaching faculty for undergrad courses, freeing up teaching duties for research faculty needed to teach the new grad courses. Teaching assistants for these courses will be provided as needed, funded completely or in part by the differential tuition generated by the courses themselves.

Revenue Narrative 2
Describe new funding sources and plans to acquire the funds.
Current faculty members will assist in the development and maintenance of this program. Money for one new hire has already been allocated.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed or Current Program Title: On-Line Certificate in Engineering Education
Sponsoring School, College, or Division: Engineering
Sponsoring Academic Department(s) or Unit(s): Engineering Education
Classification of Instructional Program Code1: 14.9999
Min/Max Credit Hours Required of Full Program: 13 / 13
Proposed Beginning Term2: Fall 2017

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:
I, the Chief Academic Officer or Designee, certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Date: 

☐ I understand that checking this box constitutes my legal signature.

2 “Proposed Beginning Term” refers to first term after Regent approval that students may declare this program.
Section I: The Request

Utah State University requests approval to offer the following Graduate Certificate: On-Line Certificate in Engineering Education effective Fall 2017. This program was approved by the institutional Board of Trustees on.

Section II: Program Proposal/Needs Assessment

Program Description/Rationale

Present a brief program description. Describe the institutional procedures used to arrive at a decision to offer the program. Briefly indicate why such a program should be initiated. State how the institution and the USHE benefit by offering the proposed program. Provide evidence of student interest and demand that supports potential program enrollment.

The certificate program emphasizes the learning and teaching of engineering with the goals to produce graduates that are familiar with the theory and practice of effective engineering education, are adept at these aspects within their specific area of engineering specialization and have the ability to develop, implement and assess engineering curricula.

To achieve these goals, students will complete 13 credit hours, combining course work (12 credits) and a comprehensive teaching and learning portfolio (1 credit). The curriculum has been divided into four 3 credit courses and an Internship course as shown below.

Labor Market Demand

Provide local, state, and/or national labor market data that speak to the need for this program. Occupational demand, wage, and number of annual openings information may be found at sources such as Utah DWS Occupation Information Data Viewer (jobs.utah.gov/jsp4wv/Placement/gotoccinfo.do) and the Occupation Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/oco).

Rapid changes in the worldwide engineering enterprise have motivated the profession to rethink how future generations of engineers should be educated with expertise in teaching and learning. To educate future engineers there is a need to better prepare them for critical elements of teaching and learning, and in particular in curriculum design, evaluation and assessment, principles of teaching and learning, and training development.

Utah State University (USU) is home to one of only a few departments in the nation in engineering education. The engineering education program at USU is one of a growing number of programs throughout the country. To meet the need of this growth, the proposed certificate program will provide skills for students interested enhancing their teaching and training skills in engineering. The proposed Graduate Certificate in Engineering Education is an initial certificate, however on a case-by-case basis, with advisement from the EED department, credits earned may be used toward completing a Ph.D. in Engineering Education.

Often, newly graduating engineering faculty are ill-prepared to effectively teach and many struggle as they move toward tenure. There is a need to give engineering faculty and industrial trainers an opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills in engineering teaching and learning.

The Department of Engineering Education completed a national survey of engineering education institutions (both academic and businesses) to determine the need for the program. The results of the survey indicate that potential participants would prefer to participate in an online program, that could be completed within 12 months. The participants in the survey also commented on the topics which should be included in program curriculum. The requests regarding the content of the program have been attended to and are reflected in the program structure and content as presented in the following sections of this document.
While there are already engineering education certificate programs at other universities, none offer a fully online program. The Graduate Certificate in Engineering Education program will be open to students without geographic limitations here in the U.S. and in other countries worldwide.

**Consistency with Institutional Mission/Impact on Other USHE Institutions**

Explain how the program is consistent with the institution’s Regents-approved mission, roles, and goals. Institutional mission and roles may be found at higheredutah.org/policies/policy312/. Indicate if the program will be delivered outside of designated service area; provide justification. Service areas are defined in higheredutah.org/policies/policy315/.

The mission of Utah State University is to be one of the nation’s premier student-centered land grant and space grant universities by fostering the principle that academics come first; by cultivating diversity of thought and culture; and by serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement. The online certificate program meets the university mission by serving the public and promoting learning environments, discovery, and engagement to improve engineering.

The existing faculty in the Department of Engineering Education (EED) will participate in facilitating the certificate program. There will be no need for additional faculty or other resources to facilitate the program. The certificate program will require four new courses to be developed. Each of the courses for the program will utilize content from existing courses in the Ph.D. program. The courses will be developed for online delivery by the existing EED faculty. There will be no negative budgetary impact on USU.

**Finances**

What costs or savings are anticipated in implementing the proposed program? If new funds are required, indicate expected sources of funds. Describe any budgetary impact on other programs or units within the institution.

No new funds are required for the implementation of the online certificate program. The program will not impact other programs at Utah State University and will enhance the existing Ph.D. program within the department by offering an online option for students across the US and around the world. A 5 year proposed budget plan is illustrated in the table below.

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Program Curriculum

List all courses, including new courses, to be offered in the proposed program by prefix, number, title, and credit hours (or credit equivalences). Indicate new courses with an X in the appropriate columns. The total number of credit hours should reflect the number of credits required to receive the award. For NEW Emphases, skip to emphases tables below.

For variable credits, please enter the minimum value in the table below for credit hours. To explain variable credit in detail as well as any additional information, use the narrative box below.

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Program Curriculum Narrative

Describe any variable credits. You may also include additional curriculum information, as needed.
Certificate Courses

EEDC 6450 Principles of Teaching and Learning

Course Description
The course provides opportunities for students to develop skills, strategies, and techniques used for instruction in engineering education. It also gives a chance to think about teaching and learning in engineering at the university and in industry. Topics covered in this course include: ways to improve efficiency as an engineering educator, problem-solving and creativity, active learning strategies, different content delivery methods, different types of learners, Piaget's and Perry's theories of cognitive development, Constructivism, different learning and teaching styles.

Course Objectives
After completing this course the students will be able to:

- Explain the different learning theories and be able to incorporate them into their teaching
- Describe the different models of cognitive development
- Classify different psychological types and explain how they learn
- Explain the difference between novices and experts and discuss steps in problem solving strategy
- Recognize the responsibilities that come with teaching
- Set goals and prioritize activities
- Discuss the advantages and disadvantages to different delivery mechanisms
- Recognize and employ active learning strategies
- Effectively use technology in and out of the classroom
- Apply effective communication and presentation skills
- Incorporate laboratory work, group and team activities/projects, and other practical skills into a course/training
- Apply effective classroom management

Course Content
The course will be organized around the following teaching and learning topics. Specific assignments and activities have been developed for each topic section.

- Learning theories and how people learn
- Cognitive development theories: Piaget and Perry, Vygotsky
- Importance of teacher training
- Teaching and research efficiency
- Problem solving and creativity
- Content delivery methods
- Active learning strategies and teaching with technology
- Incorporating design and laboratory work
- Classroom management with special consideration of difficult students

Course Requirements
- Assigned Text Readings - complete the assigned readings from recommended texts
- Online Readings - complete selected online readings related to the course sequence
- Online Class Discussion - participate in online class discussion
- Topic Activities - complete assigned activities for each topic

References:
EEDC 6150 Evaluation and Assessment

Course Description
The purpose of this course is to facilitate each student reaching a level of competence and understanding of assessment practices used in engineering education. The focus of this course will be the nature of assessment, planning for assessment, validity and reliability, preparing and using achievement tests, writing traditional test questions (T/F, matching, multiple choice, etc.), more authentic assessment methods, grading and reporting, and using assessment in action research.

Course Objectives
After completing this course the students will be able to:

- Discuss the relationship between instruction and assessment
- Apply taxonomies and instructional objectives to prepare students for assessment
- Identify methods used for assessment of learning
- Explain the advantages and disadvantages in the major types of assessment
- Describe the difference between norm referenced and criterion reference assessment
- Develop standards for student assessment
- Select and develop assessment methods appropriate for instructional decisions
- Explain the importance of validity and reliability in assessment
- Develop guidelines for effective and fair grading
- Collect appropriate assessment data
- Recognize the unethical, illegal, and otherwise, inappropriate assessment methods and uses of assessment information

Course Content
The course will be organized around the following topics related to evaluation and assessment.

- Achievement assessment and the relationship between assessment and instruction
- The nature of student assessment
- Planning for assessment
- Validity and Reliability
- Preparing and using achievement tests
- The nature and creation of selection item type questions
- Performance assessments
- Grading and Reporting

Course Requirements

- Assigned Text Readings - complete the assigned readings from recommended texts
- Online Readings - complete selected online readings related to the course sequence
- Online Class Discussion - participate in online class discussion
- Topic Activities - complete assigned activities for each topic

References:
EEDC 6090 Course Design

Course Description
The aim of this course is to teach the students the necessary skills to create an effective educational or training engineering curricula. The course will focus on the different types of engineering courses (lectures, recitations, labs, design studios, etc.), creating goals and objectives, choosing effective teaching methods, choosing course reference materials, accreditation concerns, lesson planning, and course design.

Course Objectives
After completing this course the students will be able to:

- Identify different types courses applicable for engineering education
- Identify functions and implications of various curriculum designs
- Develop an effective course/training program aligned with accreditation requirements
- Create objectives and goals for the course/training
- Identify effective teaching and learning methods for the course/training
- Identify instructional delivery methods that enhance student learning and achievement
- Develop effective assessment strategy for the course/training
- Create a list of resources essential for the course (e.g. textbooks, etc.)
- Continuous course evaluation process

Course Content
The course will be organized around the following curriculum topics. Specific assignments and activities have been developed for each topic section.

- Character of course curriculum and its history
- Approaches and importance of course curriculum
- Students expectations of the course curriculum
- Curriculum development process
- Curriculum planning and implementation
- Planning learning activity and instruction
- Planning and implementation of student assessment
- Curriculum evaluation and change
- Planning course reading material and other resources

Course Requirements
- Assigned Text Readings - complete the assigned readings from recommended texts
- Online Readings - complete selected online readings related to the course sequence
- Online Class Discussion - participate in online class discussion
- Topic Activities - complete assigned activities for each topic

References:
Introduction
The purpose of this course is to introduce core principles and the best practices of the design and implementation of online or web-assisted courses in the context of engineering education. The focus of this course is on the integration of research findings and best practices of online teaching and learning as well as tips and strategies for online course development and implementation.

Course Objectives
After completing this course the students will be able to:
• Explain different course delivery formats
• Discuss different types of online formats
• Explain the learning theories that support online education
• Effectively use and manage a learning management system
• Implement instructional tools and strategies in web-facilitated and online learning environments with specific reference to engineering education
• Develop and implement an online or web-facilitated course in engineering, or related, field

Course Content
The course will be organized around the following topics related to technology.

• Face-to-Face and Web Facilitated instructions
• Distance Education - Hybrid/Blended and Online instructions
• Educational, Administrative, and Online Education Standards
• Principles of online instruction and delivery
• Active learning in online education in context of engineering education
• Design strategies for online course
• Assessment in online engineering education
• Instructor role in online engineering education
• Ethical issues in online education

Course Requirements
• Assigned Text Readings - complete the assigned readings from recommended texts
• Online Readings - complete selected online readings related to the course sequence
• Online Class Discussion - participate in online class discussion
• Topic Activities - complete assigned activities for each topic

References:
Introduction
The course aims to be a capstone activity for students pursuing Graduate Engineering Education Certificate to gain experience, improve understanding of teaching, reflect on their own teaching, and obtain feedback from faculty members and possibly from students.

The course should give students the opportunity to put their engineering education knowledge into practical application. Ideally, to register for the course students should have a significant teaching responsibility in engineering or science course(s), either at the university, community college, other institution of higher learning or industry.

Course Objectives:
After completing this course the students will be able to:

• contrast critically student's teaching experience with theoretical knowledge gained in courses of the program,
• evaluate teaching experiences by using own reflections, students and faculty feedback,
• present teaching credentials by demonstrating teaching methods and approaches, and by analyzing evidence of student learning,
• articulate and justify the choices of teaching methods and activities,
• document professional development and to identify areas for improvement,
• assemble a teaching portfolio that highlights the quality and scholarship of one's own teaching in a presentable form, also for hiring purposes.

Course Content
The course will be organized around the following topics related to teaching experience and preparation of teaching portfolio.

• Teaching philosophy,
• Teaching methods and approaches,
• Teaching skills,
• Documenting of professional development,
• Preparing a teaching portfolio
• Identifying areas for improvement.

Course Requirements
Students enrolled in the course will be required to:

• read recommended material,
• submit fortnightly reflections on their teaching,
• prepare a professional teaching portfolio

References:
Separate reading material for each topic in the form of research papers.
Degree Map

Degree maps pertain to undergraduate programs ONLY. Provide a degree map for proposed program. Degree Maps were approved by the State Board of Regents on July 17, 2014 as a degree completion measure. Degree maps or graduation plans are a suggested semester-by-semester class schedule that includes prefix, number, title, and semester hours. For more details see http://higheredutah.org/pdf/agendas/201407/TAB%20A%202014-7-18.pdf (Item #3).

Please cut-and-paste the degree map or manually enter the degree map in the table below.
Utah System of Higher Education
Changes to Existing Academic Program Proposal
Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University

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Program Change Type (check all that apply):

- [ ] Name Change of Existing Program
- [x] Program Restructure with or without Consolidation
- [ ] Program Transfer to a new academic department or unit
- [ ] Program Suspension
- [ ] Program Discontinuation
- [ ] Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
- [ ] Out of Service Area Delivery Program

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:
I, the Chief Academic Officer or Designee, certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

______________________________ Date:

[ ] I understand that checking this box constitutes my legal signature.

² “Proposed Effective Term” refers to term when change to program is published. For Suspensions and Discontinuations, “effective term” refers to the term the program will suspend admissions.
Program Change Description - Abbreviated Template

Section I: The Request

Utah State University requests approval to restructure Environmental Studies (BS) effective Fall 2017. This action was approved by the institutional Board of Trustees on.

Section II: Program Proposal

Program Change Description/Rationale

Present a brief program change description. Describe the institutional procedures used to arrive at a decision for the change. Briefly indicate why such a change should be initiated. State how the institution and the USHE benefit by the change.

The curriculum for the B.S. in Environmental Studies is being updated to (1) eliminate the Areas of Emphasis, all of which have been found to add no value to the core degree, as evidenced by the majority of students choosing to use the emphasis ("Environmental Stewardship") that allows students to create a custom emphasis of 15 credits; (2) respond to a substantial new market among regional campus students, by making the degree available through Distance Learning modes; and (3) respond to assessment data which indicate a need to increase specific skill development, such as statistical analysis. This third aim is facilitated by the recent and current hiring of faculty in the specified skills areas since the last curricular revision. The proposed changes in the curriculum for the Environmental Studies major (B.S.) are modest — substantially less than 50% — but they do include the elimination of the seven existing Areas of Emphasis. These changes were developed by a committee of faculty in the Department of Environment & Society (ENVS). The full ENVS faculty then voted unanimously to adopt these changes at a formal faculty meeting on January 25, 2017.

Consistency with Institutional Mission/Institutional Impact

Explain how the action is consistent with the institution's Regent-approved mission, roles, and goals. Institutional mission and roles may be found at higheredutah.org/policies/policyr312/. Indicate if the program will be delivered outside of designated service area; provide justification. Service areas are defined in higheredutah.org/policies/policyr315/. Will faculty or staff structures be impacted by the proposed change?

The proposed revisions will modernize the Environmental Studies program and make it consistent with new areas of expertise in ENVS and at Utah State University. Assessment data indicate that this change will better meet the needs and career aspirations of students majoring in Environmental Studies by emphasizing specific skill development. These changes also will facilitate the university’s ability to make the degree available to students at regional campuses through Distance Learning. In addition, the program restructure will result in greater efficiency, given the elimination of the Areas of Emphasis.

Finances

What costs or savings are anticipated from this change? If new funds are required to implement the change, indicate expected sources of funds. Describe any budgetary impact on other programs or units within the institution.

No budgetary impact is expected from this change. Course delivery by distance mode is either already in place or is currently underway, at no additional expense. Facilitating regional campus student participation should lead to increased enrollments in the program; however, the program has the ability to accommodate these additional students without a need for additional resources.
Academic Standards Subcommittee minutes

9 February 2017

A meeting of the Academic Standards Subcommittee was held on 9 February 2017 at 3:00 pm in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room).

Present: Scott Bates, Fran Hopkin, Mykel Beorchia, Claudia Radel
Absent: Jared Schultz, Nathan Straight
Guests: Adam Gleed, Stephanie Hamblin

New Business

A. Academic Renewal Policy

Motion: To accept the proposed policy change (attached). Moved: Claudia Radel, Seconded: Fran Hopkin.

Discussion: Course work completed within the context of a degree should not be adjusted after the fact, therefore, should not qualify for renewal. Consequences for advising—students should always be encouraged to complete a degree and should not be advised to wait in order to access academic renewal—were discussed.

Outcome: Unanimous approval.

Motion: Table the motion to modify academic renewal policy to excluding transfer credit on the USU transcript. Moved: Claudia Radel, Seconded: Mykel Beorchia.

Discussion: Questions from the group were about how the policy change would impact student success. The group would like to see a report on student success from peer institutions, and USHI in order to continue the discussion.

Outcome: Unanimous approval.

B. Academic Integrity Policy

Discussion: Scott reported on the work and progress of the Student Code Revision committee, and presented the current draft of the Academic Integrity Policy. The committee had five questions / points of feedback:

1. Why the university could not proceed with a university-level sanction without cooperation from the instructor of record?

2. Why the timeline for acting on a violation was 7 days from the point of noticing the infraction.

3. The committee suggested that students be allowed to appeal a course-level sanction if an Academic Integrity Violation form not be submitted. In the current draft, this is listed in the university-level sanction; committee suggested it be moved.
4. Committee suggested that the person responsible for Clearing the University-Level Sanction should the Vice President for Student affairs

5. The committee suggest that the language in the draft be revised to include specific degree where possible. Example: “A degree may be denied, or revoked, as the result of a level 2 academic integrity violation” should specify that it is the degree being currently pursued.

Outcome: Further edits will be presented at a future Academic Standards meeting and a vote to accept the revision will be held at that time.

The next meeting will be held on March 16th, at 3PM in the Champ Hall conference room.
Proposed change:

Academic Renewal
Undergraduate students who have been admitted to Utah State University after an interruption in their collegiate education of at least one year may petition to have certain credits that are older than five years removed from the calculation of the GPA and credits earned. The renewal procedure allows the student's academic records to be reviewed for the purpose of eliminating from grade point average computation all grades of D+ or below that were entered on the academic transcript five or more calendar years prior to the request, including transfer credit on the USU transcript. However, upon request, selected grades of D+ or below may remain on the student's record. Petition forms are available in the Office of the Registrar and online. A $25 processing fee will be assessed.

Guidelines:
• Academic renewal does not apply to graduate students nor to students pursuing a second undergraduate degree. Once a certificate, associate, or bachelor degree is awarded by Utah State University or received from a transfer institution, any course(s) completed prior to the completion of that certificate or associate degree will not qualify for academic renewal. However, courses completed after receiving a certificate or associate degree, but before completion of a bachelor degree, are eligible for renewal if all other requirements are met.
• Academic renewal may be applied only once and is irreversible.
• An absence of one or more years must have elapsed between readmission and the last enrollment at an institution of higher education. (Note: Students must be currently enrolled at USU to apply for academic renewal.) Only credits older than five years (and taken prior to the one-year gap and readmission) may be considered for academic renewal.
• After readmission, but before application for renewal, the student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester credits with at least a 2.50 GPA at Utah State University.
• Academic renewal applies only to courses having grades of D+ or below and taken prior to readmission. All such courses will remain unaltered on the transcript with the appropriate notation added to the transcript to indicate academic renewal. Courses designated in the petition will not count for computation of GPA for earned credits, nor for satisfying any graduation requirements. Courses with a grade of C- (or P) or better will be carried forward.
• Students may apply for this renewal after they have met the guidelines listed above. They are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor prior to submitting their request.
GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

February 21, 2017
8:30 am – 9:30 am
Old Main - Champ Hall

Present: Lee Rickords, Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)
         Michele Hillard, Secretary
         Erin Davis for Kacy Lundstrom, Library
         Dean Adams, Engineering
         Barbara Williams, Registrar’s Office
         Brock Dethier, Writing Program
         Harrison Kleiner, Connections
         Bob Mueller, Regional Campus
         Laura Gelfand, Arts
         David Brown, Quantitative Intensive
         Stephanie Hamblin, Exploratory Advising
         Mykel Beorchia, University Advising
         Matt Sanders, Humanities and Social Sciences
         Dick Mueller, Science
         Kris Miller, Honors
         Claudia Radel, Natural Resources
         Konrad Lee, Business
         Brian McCuskey, Humanities
         Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts
         Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern
         Ashley Waddoups, USUSA President
         Elise Anderson, Provost’s Office

Absent:  Ed Reeve, Provost’s Office
         Janet Anderson, Office of the Provost
         Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences
         Jessica Hansen, Academic and Instructional Services
         Damon Cann, Social Sciences
         Dan McInerney, American Institutions
         Shelley Lindauer, Education and Human Services
         John Mortensen, Student Services

Visitors: Kaylee Roholt, Academic Advisor, School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education
         Chris Corcoran, Head, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Call to Order – Lee Rickords
Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2017

Minutes approved.

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

ARTH 3755 (CI) APPROVED
Motion to approve CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

BIOL 4650 (DSC | CI) APPROVED
Motion to approve CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.
Motion to approve DSC designation made by Dick Mueller. Seconded by Laura Gelfand.

PHIL 1500 (BHU) APPROVED
Motion to approve BHU designation made by Brian McCuskey. Seconded by Claudia Radel.

WATS 3450 (DSC) APPROVED
Motion to approve DSC designation made by Dick Mueller. Seconded by Claudia Radel.

Business

Senate Bill 196
USU Implementation of Senate Bill 196 as it relates to Math ACT score
1. No longer waive the QL requirement for students who receive an ACT Math score of 25 or higher. If approved, this would be effective for students who begin attending USU Summer 2017 or later.
2. Award 3 credits for students who receive an ACT Math score of 26 or higher, or an equivalent SAT Math score. If approved, this change would be effective for students who took the ACT exam September 2016 or later. Like other examinations, this information would be posted as transfer credit with a P grade, and would be listed as ACTM 1XXX (QL) on the transcript. As transfer credit, the credits will count toward the 120 credits needed for graduation, but will not count toward the 30 credits in residency at USU.

Motion to approve made by Claudia Radel. Seconded by Dick Mueller.

Departments Offering Designation Courses Outside of Expertise
Is it appropriate for departments to offer courses outside of their disciplines? Will students get the correct Gen Ed experience by taking classes that are specifically dedicated to their major? The Gen Ed committee’s task is to help students become more, well-rounded in their college experience. Language will be added to the humanities criteria stating that faculty must have some knowledge/experience in teaching courses with a humanities designation.

Substitution for Exploration Requirement (follow-up)
Proposed Changes to the Exploratory Requirement

1. Change the name from Exploratory Requirement to Integrated Studies Requirement
2. Add the additional means of satisfying this requirement

The new requirement would be: Integrated Studies Requirement (2-4 credits)
Choose an additional class from one of the following General Education or Depth Education categories: QL, BAI, BCA, BHU, BLS, BPS, BSS, CI, QI, DHA, DSC, or DSS.

Motion to approve the change made by Konrad Lee. Seconded by Matt Sanders.

Adjourn: 9:20 am