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Institution Submitting Request: Utah Valley University
 Currently Approved Title: Associate of Applied Science in Accounting
 School or Division or Location: Woodbury School of Business
 Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Accounting
 Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code for existing programs: 52.0399
 Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: Pending

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items	
<i>R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar</i>	
SECTION NO.	ITEM
5.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor*
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Emphasis*
5.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/> New Administrative Unit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/> New Center
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Institute
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Bureau
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Consolidation
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Suspension
5.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

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: 9/28/2015

Printed Name: Jeffery Olson, Senior VP—Academic Affairs

Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah Valley University
AAS in Accounting—Deletion
05/01/2015

Section I: Request

The Department of Accounting in the Woodbury School of Business at Utah Valley University requests approval to discontinue the AAS in Accounting effective Fall 2016.

Section II: Need

This request is due to lack of student and employer demand. This is a dead-end degree. It does not provide sufficient training for a student to obtain meaningful employment, and it does not prepare a student to enter a baccalaureate degree program. The Associate of Science degree, which is being retained, provides better preparation for employment and allows a student to seamlessly enter the Bachelor of Science degree program in accounting.

Students graduating with an AAS in Accounting obtain minimal accounting skills, do not complete the general education requirements, and do not complete key prerequisites to move into the bachelor's program in accounting at UVU. Improvements in technology since this program was developed have automated many of the functions performed by employees with this level of training. Thus there are few, if any, accounting jobs available for students with these skills. This degree is not serious, not relevant, and not in demand. Students have not found the AAS in Accounting to be a desirable degree. Graduation rates in recent years are as follows:

- 2013-2014: 4 graduates
- 2012-2013: 0 graduates
- 2011-2012: 1 graduates
- 2010-2011: 3 graduate
- 2009-2010: 0 graduates
- 2008-2009: 1 graduate

Section III: Institutional Impact

Elimination of this program will have no measurable impact on other instructional programs due to the extremely low enrollments in the AAS degree. One course, ACC 2100 – Payroll Accounting, is unique to this program and is proposed for elimination. This course frequently is cancelled due to low enrollments. Workshops and seminars are offered locally to train individuals in the basics of payroll accounting in much less time and at a significantly reduced cost.

A proposal is being made to delete ACC 2100 – Payroll Accounting.

Section IV: Finances

The only financial impact will be to reduce the need to offer two courses which now are taught on an occasional basis. These courses, when offered, have been taught by adjunct faculty members.