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SUBJECT: New Prefix Request for SDSU: ABME (Agricultural, Biosystems and Mechanical Engineering)

The purpose of this memo is to request a new prefix for South Dakota State University. The Departments of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and Mechanical Engineering are proposing a new multidisciplinary Ph. D program in Agricultural, Biosystems and Mechanical Engineering. SDSU does not intend to request new state resources as all but two of the courses are already being taught (one new course will be topics and the other course will be seminar). The Departments of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and Mechanical Engineering are well positioned to deliver this new Ph. D.

To set the courses apart from other programs in the departments and across the university, SDSU requests a new prefix of ABME (Agricultural, Biosystems and Mechanical Engineering). A review of existing prefixes across the SDBOR system reveals that this prefix is not currently in use.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

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