### Part I. General Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Unit, Department or Program:</th>
<th>Natural Science Dept./Agriculture Program</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Date of request:</td>
<td>11/12/10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date required:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start date:</td>
<td>Fall 2011</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of request:</th>
<th>Resources requested:</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Health and safety</td>
<td>Positions</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program improvement</td>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New program</td>
<td>Operating</td>
<td>10,644</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Facilities, R&amp;M</td>
<td>Other 1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>Other 2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Alignment with Strategic Plan:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(i.e., Action Outcomes 2.1, 4.3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Strategic plan 2.1, 2.6, 2.8, 4.1, 4.3, 4.5, 5.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total 10644</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Part II. Narrative - Description and Rationale (do not exceed space provided)

**Why is this request important? (what are the most important reasons for this request)**

The Agriculture program is unique to this island and focuses on preparing people for careers in the horticulture industry. This is a direct part of the college mission statement. The program requires close interaction with the industries it supports for success. Release time was removed in the 1990's and never restored. An increase in demand from a changing industry, the expansion of the program, and college reporting requirements has exacerbated the need for time to coordinate the program. Currently the college directs its' resources toward the promotion and support of the liberal arts.

**Descriptive Summary of the Request (provide a summary of the resource request)**

The Coordinator release time required is 6 credits per year. The time will be used for strengthening industry ties (40%), developing stronger connections with High Schools (20%), maintain/develop program curriculum (SLO's, Program Review, etc) consisting of 18 offered courses and 2 Certificates of Completion with 5 areas of specialization (40%). The expected outcome is an increase of majors by 3%.

**Rationale for Request (how will the request benefit the unit, department, program or institution; alignment with Strategic Plan and other supporting documents, e.g., program review, annual assessments, department report, etc.)**

The request will provide support for diversification of our liberal arts campus. The program should see an increase of majors by 3% and bring in 2 foreign students. WCC 2.1 increase number of majors, 2.6 increase certificates of completion, 2.8 increase diversity by attracting foreign students, 4.1 prepare students foe highly skilled workforce, 4.3 develop new courses, 4.5 support STEM, 5.2 Aquaculture/Agriculture integration.