

# COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, October 9, 2009

## DECISION ITEM A-1:

### Master of Arts in Family and Consumer Science (Interior Design Option) and

### Master of Arts in Curriculum and Educational Technology

### To Be Offered by Ball State University-Statewide via Distance Education Technology

#### Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Master of Arts in Family and Consumer Science (Interior Design Option) and the Master of Arts in Curriculum and Educational Technology to be offered by Ball State University-Statewide via distance education technology, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Distance Education Program Proposal*, June 6, 2009, and May 1, 2009, one of which is attached for each of the two proposed master's programs; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with each supporting document, *Distance Education Program Proposal*, June 6, 2009, and May 1, 2009.

#### Background

At its last meeting, the Commission raised a number of questions related to programs delivered through distance education technology, especially those dealing with fees charged to students. In order to provide additional opportunity to explore these issues further and to better understand the dynamics as play in tuition and fee pricing decisions, these two Ball State requests have been placed on the agenda as regular decision items.

As part of its program proposal, Ball State University submitted the following schedule of fees associated with both on-campus and distance education technology delivery to both part-time Indiana residents and part-time students who were non-residents:

	Fees <sup>1</sup> Charged per Semester Hour For Part-Time Students	
	IN Residents	Non-IN Residents
On-Campus Instruction	\$1,078 (3 cr. hrs.)	\$2,646 (3 cr. hrs.)
Dist. Educ. Instruction	\$768 (3 cr. hrs.)	\$1,362 (3 cr. hrs.)

<sup>1</sup> All tuition and mandatory fees

This fee schedule applies to both the M.A. in Family and Consumer Sciences and the M.A. in Curriculum and Educational Technology. It should be noted that the fees for a three-credit hour course delivered on campus to part-time, Indiana residents (\$768) is \$310 or 28.8 percent less than the fees charged to a part-time Indiana resident (\$1,078). The University will provide additional detail for the differential between instruction offered on-campus and that offered through distance education technology.

### **Supporting Documents**

- (1) *Distance Education Program Proposal*, June 6, 2009 – Master of Arts in Family and Consumer Sciences (Interior Design)
- (2) *Distance Education Program Proposal*, May 1, 2009 – Master of Arts in Curriculum and Educational Technology