

## COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, October 14, 2011

### **DECISION ITEM A-3: Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action**

#### **Staff Recommendation**

That the Commission for Higher Education approve by consent the following degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item:

- Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology to be offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute
- Bachelor of Fine Arts to be offered by Indiana University Kokomo at Kokomo
- Technical Certificate and Associate of Applied Science in Information Security; Certificate in Data Security; and Certificate in Network Security to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College at Fort Wayne, Terre Haute, Evansville, Sellersburg, Bloomington, and Statewide via Distance Education Technology; and Technical Certificate (on campus) and Associate of Applied Science (via Distance Education Technology) in Information Security to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Columbus

#### **Background**

At its August and September 2004 meetings, the Commission for Higher Education began implementing a new policy on new academic degree programs on which staff proposes expedited action. These programs meet the criteria identified in that policy and are hereby presented for action by consent, in accordance with the aforementioned policy and the information presented in the supporting documents.

#### **Supporting Documents**

- (1) *Background Information on Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action*, September 30, 2011
- (2) *Policy for New Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action*, September 2, 2004

## **Background Information on Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action**

September 30, 2011

### **CHE 11-21 Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology to be offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute**

Proposal received on June 20, 2011  
CIP Code: Federal – 150000; State – 150000  
Projected Annual Headcount: 76; FTEs: 55; Degrees: 15  
New State Funds Requested, Actual:  
Year 1: \$ 0  
Year 2: \$ 0  
Year 3: \$ 0  
Year 4: \$ 0  
Year 5: \$ 0

The offering of this program is consistent with the mission of the ISU campus, whose College of Technology offers an array of programs, including a Ph.D. in Technology Management. An articulation agreement between the proposed program and the Ivy Tech A.S. in Engineering Technology has been signed.

### **CHE 11-25 Bachelor of Fine Arts to be offered by Indiana University Kokomo at Kokomo**

Proposal received on June 29, 2011  
CIP Code: Federal – 500702; State – 500702  
Projected Annual Headcount: 20; FTEs: 21; Degrees: 5  
New State Funds Requested, Actual:  
Year 1: \$ 0  
Year 2: \$ 0  
Year 3: \$ 0  
Year 4: \$ 0  
Year 5: \$ 0

The offering of this program is consistent with the regional campus mission of IU Kokomo. The campus currently offers a B.A. in Fine Arts, which the Commission approved in May 2008. Adding the B.F.A. will provide an option to students who seek a higher concentration of studio work. No articulation agreement exists with a Fine Arts degree at Ivy Tech because the College only offers an A.A. in Fine Arts at one campus (Indianapolis), and the curriculum of the Ivy Tech Indianapolis program is currently under revision.

**CHE 11-30 Technical Certificate and Associate of Applied Science in Information Security; Certificate in Data Security; and Certificate in Network Security to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College at Fort Wayne, Terre Haute, Evansville, Sellersburg, Bloomington, and Statewide via Distance Education Technology; and Technical Certificate (on campus) and Associate of Applied Science (via Distance Education Technology) in Information Security to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Columbus**

Proposal received on July 18, 2011  
CIP Code: Federal – 110401; State – 110401  
New State Funds Requested, Actual:  
Year 1: \$ 0  
Year 2: \$ 0  
Year 3: \$ 0  
Year 4: \$ 0  
Year 5: \$ 0

***Fort Wayne***

Projected Annual Headcount: 41; FTEs: 30; Degrees: 10

***Terre Haute***

Projected Annual Headcount: 26; FTEs: 21; Degrees: 6

***Columbus***

Projected Annual Headcount: 45; FTEs: 34; Degrees: 11

***Evansville***

Projected Annual Headcount: 28; FTEs: 23; Degrees: 7

***Sellersburg***

Projected Annual Headcount: 24; FTEs: 19; Degrees: 6

***Bloomington***

Projected Annual Headcount: 30; FTEs: 24; Degrees: 7

In February 2008, the Commission for Higher Education approved the Associate of Applied Science in Information Security, the Certificate in Network Security, and the Certificate in Data Security to be offered for the very first time by Ivy Tech Community College. The initial site for these programs was Ivy Tech Columbus, and no other sites have been approved for these programs since then. Additional campuses now seek to offer these programs as well and the College wants to add a Technical Certificate in Information Security to its offerings. Finally, Ivy Tech wishes to add an online/distance education option to increase access to these programs.

## **Policy for New Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action**

September 2, 2004

Pursuant to the Commission's desire to expedite action on new academic degree program requests whenever possible, the staff has identified a set of factors, which though not exhaustive, suggest when a request might be considered for expedited action by consent and when a request would require Commission consideration prior to action. With respect to the latter, the presence of one or more of the following factors might suggest a significant policy issue for which Commission attention is needed before action can be taken:

- Consistency with the mission of the campus or institution
- Transfer of credit
- New program area
- New degree level for a campus
- Accreditation
- Unnecessary duplication of resources
- Significant investment of state resources

In the absence of these factors or an objection from another institution, Commission staff will propose expedited action on new program requests. Examples of situations that pose no policy issues for the Commission include, but are not limited to:

- Adding a second degree designation to an existing program (e.g. A.S. to an A.A.S.)
- Delivering an on-campus program to an off-campus site through faculty available on-site or traveling to the site
- Adding a degree elsewhere in a multi-campus system to a new campus within the system.

All requests to offer new academic degree programs must continue to be accompanied by a full program proposal, unless otherwise specified in the guidelines. It is only after a proposal is received that a determination will be suggested as to how the request might be handled.