

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, May 11, 2012

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 Business Administration to be offered by Indiana University East at New Castle
- Bachelor of Arts in History to be offered by Purdue University-North Central at Westville
- Associate of Fine Arts to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington at Bloomington
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology to be offered by Purdue University-North Central at Westville
- B.S. in Psychology to be offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg

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*, April 27, 2012
- (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

April 27, 2012

CHE 11-31 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration to be offered by Indiana University East at New Castle

Proposal received on October 28, 2011
CIP Code: Federal – 520201; State – 520201
Projected Annual Headcount: 28; FTEs: 28; Degrees: 13
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

This program requires 120 semester hours of credit and represents a baccalaureate completion opportunity for Ivy Tech associate degree graduates.

CHE 12-03 Bachelor of Arts in History to be to be offered by Purdue University-North Central at Westville

Proposal received on January 6, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 540199; State – 540199
Projected Annual Headcount: 17; FTEs: 29; Degrees: 10
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

This program requires 120 semester hours of credit and expands the baccalaureate opportunities for students in the region. An articulation agreement has been developed for Ivy Tech associate degree graduates.

CHE 12-04 Associate of Fine Arts to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington at Bloomington

Proposal received on January 31, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 500702; State – 500702
Projected Annual Headcount: 61; FTEs: 50; Degrees: 14
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 62,711
Year 2: \$ 27,943
Year 3: \$ 5,630
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

This program expands the associate degree opportunities for students in the region and will articulate with the IUPUI Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

CHE 12-05 Bachelor of Science in Psychology to be offered by Purdue University-North Central at Westville

Proposal received on February 8, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 420101; State – 420101
Projected Annual Headcount: 52; FTEs: 42; Degrees: 11
New State Funds Requested, Actual:

Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

This program requires 120 semester hours of credit and expands the baccalaureate opportunities for students in the region. An articulation agreement has been developed for Ivy Tech associate degree graduates.

CHE 12-10 Bachelor of Science in Psychology to be offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg

Proposal received on February 29, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 420101; State – 420101
Projected Annual Headcount: 28; FTEs: 28; Degrees: 14
New State Funds Requested, Actual:

Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

This program requires 120 semester hours of credit and represents a baccalaureate completion opportunity for Ivy Tech associate degree graduates

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.