

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, October 8, 2010

DECISION ITEM A: Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action

Staff Recommendation

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

- Master of Arts in Business Education to be offered by Ball State University-Statewide via Distance Education Technology
- Master of Science in Education to be offered by Purdue University-Calumet-Statewide via Distance Education Technology
- Bachelor of Social Work to be offered by Indiana University Northwest at Gary
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration to be offered by Indiana University East at Madison
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice to be offered by Indiana University East at New Castle

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 24, 2010
- (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 24, 2010

CHE 10-12 Master of Arts in Business Education to be offered by Ball State University-Statewide via Distance Education Technology

Proposal received on April 19, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 131303; State – 131303
Projected Annual Headcount: 55; FTEs: 28; Degrees: 20
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

Twenty-one, or 70 percent, of the 30 semester hours required for this program are offered through the Miller College of Business. For Indiana residents, the fees for a three-semester hour class taken through distance education are approximately 1/3 less than the fees charged for taking the class on campus. The program is consistent with the Commission's policy on distance education.

CHE 10-23 Master of Science in Education to be offered by Purdue University-Calumet Statewide via Distance Education Technology

Proposal received on June 1, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 130401; State – 130401
Projected Annual Headcount: 80; FTEs: 66; Degrees: 80
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

Purdue Calumet has designed its distance education offering so students will complete it in 18 months, which is 6-12 months less than students typically take on campus. Two concentrations will be initially offered through distance education: Instructional Technology and Educational Administration; the latter has been re-designed to incorporate data-driven decision-making into almost all of the eight core courses. For Indiana residents, the fees for courses taken through distance education are the same as those for on-campus instruction; the program is consistent with the Commission's policy on distance education.

CHE 10-32 Bachelor of Social Work to be offered by Indiana University Northwest at Gary

Proposal received on June 30, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 440701; State – 440701
Projected Annual Headcount: 50; FTEs: 47; Degrees: 14
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

IU Northwest offers a Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) and hence has the resources in place to offer this program. The program will provide employment opportunities to graduates in a variety of health-related and social services fields, in addition to providing advanced standing in the M.S.W., should students wish to pursue graduate study. The program fully articulates with the Ivy Tech Human Services program.

CHE 10-33 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration to be offered by Indiana University East at Madison

Proposal received on June 30, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 520101; State – 520101
Projected Annual Headcount: 18; FTEs: 25; Degrees: 14
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

At the request of Ivy Tech, IU East has been offering upper division business courses in Madison, and interest in these courses has grown to the point that Ivy Tech students are seeking baccalaureate degree completion opportunities at that site. The IU East program fully articulates with the Ivy Tech A.S. in Business Administration.

CHE 10-34 Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice to be offered by Indiana University East at New Castle

Proposal received on June 30, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 430104; State – 430104
Projected Annual Headcount: 42; FTEs: 28; Degrees: 14
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

The IU East B.S. in Criminal Justice program has attracted students both in Richmond and other off-campus locations, and provides students with both career and baccalaureate completion opportunities, especially for Ivy Tech students who complete the Community College Criminal Justice program. The IU East program fully articulates with the Ivy Tech A.S. in Criminal Justice.

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.