

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, December 9, 2011

DECISION ITEM C:

Preferred Dual Credit Provider List: Courses Taught by High School Teachers in a High School Setting

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the *Preferred Dual Credit Provider List: Courses Taught by High School Teachers in a High School Setting*

Background

The *Policy on Dual Credit Opportunities in Indiana* approved by the Commission for Higher Education last year calls for postsecondary institutions offering dual credit courses to “demonstrate ongoing adherence to this policy and NACEP [National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships] standards” and “be subject to state reviews conducted on a periodic (and as needed) basis by a standing subcommittee of CHE’s Statewide Transfer and Articulation Committee (STAC).”

At its June 2011 meeting, the Commission received an update on how these components of the *Policy* were being implemented, the result of which would be a recommendation to the Commission to approve a list of preferred dual credit providers at its December 2011 meeting. The Commission was also informed that the list will be made public and shared with the Indiana Department of Education, in order to provide guidance to high school counselors in advising students and parents on making decisions for dual credit programs.

The implementation process described in June consisted of three steps. First, a Dual Review Credit Sub-Committee of STAC was formed to apply the NACEP standards to all institutions offering dual credit courses, beginning with those standards that were deemed to be most critical and could be implemented readily. Second, institutions would gather evidence to demonstrate adherence to the NACEP standards. Third, the evidence provided would be reviewed by teams consisting of various stakeholders, including representatives from the public and independent institutions, high schools, the Department of Education, Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), the Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis, and Commission staff.

This process has now been carried out, and on November 30, 2011, the Dual Credit Subcommittee of STAC met and recommended that the Commission approve the list of preferred providers of dual credit (see attachment). Besides those institutions that have completed the state review process, the list includes those institutions that are accredited by NACEP.

In a related development, the Indiana State Board of Education met on November 7 and approved a proposed final rule on math and graduation requirements. The proposed rule, which will now go through the formal state rule-making process, includes the following statement: “It is recommended that schools offering dual credit courses on the high school campus use a dual credit provider from the Preferred Provider list as developed by the Commission for Higher Education.”

Once the list has been approved, Commission and Department of Education staff will work together regarding how to publicize it in the most effective, efficient, and coordinated manner. At the same time that the Preferred Dual Credit Provider List is publicized, information about other ways that high school students can earn college credit will also be publicized – such as enrolling in a course taught on a college campus, accompanied by a list of all Indiana institutions accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

The Dual Credit Review Subcommittee will now turn attention to developing the next cycle of the review process, which will be carried out next year. The 2012 cycle will include opportunities for new institutions to be added to the preferred provider list.

Supporting Document

Preferred Dual Credit Provider List: Courses Taught by High School Teachers in a High School Setting, December 1, 2011

**Preferred Dual Credit Provider List:
Courses Taught by High School Teachers in the High School Students**

December 1, 2011

There are several methods of delivering dual credit courses which are available to Indiana high school students.

The Universities/Colleges on the list below deliver dual credit courses offered in the **high school**. These classes are taught **by high school teachers to high school students** throughout the regular **high school day**. These University/College dual credit programs have received accreditation through the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Programs (NACEP) or through the state review process.

Public Universities

Ball State University
Indiana State University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Indiana University-East
Indiana University-Kokomo
Indiana University-Northwest
Indiana University-South Bend
Indiana University-Southeast

IPFW

Ivy Tech Community College (system)
Purdue University-West Lafayette
Purdue University-Calumet
Purdue University-North Central
University of Southern Indiana
Vincennes University

Independent Universities/Colleges

Trine University