**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday, May 8, 2009

**DECISION ITEM A-2: 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:

* A.S. in Supply Chain Logistics Management to be offered by Vincennes University Statewide via Distance Education Technology
* A.S. in Surgical Technology to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-South Bend at South Bend
* A.S. in Hospitality Administration to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Indianapolis at Indianapolis
* A.S. in Accounting o be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Terre Haute at Terre Haute

**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 24, 2009

(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 24, 2009

**CHE 08-11 A.S. in Supply Chain Logistics Management to be offered by Vincennes University Statewide via Distance Education Technology**

 Proposal received on July 3, 2008

 CIP Code: Federal – 520203; State – 520203

 Projected Annual Headcount: 30; FTEs: 18; Degrees: 4

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

 The Commission has already approved the A.S. in Supply Chain Logistics Management to be offered at Vincennes and Princeton (September 2008) and Indianapolis (March 2009). At its September 2008 meeting, the Commission indicated that it would consider action on the distance education authorization at the conclusion of the academic year. All of the required Logistics courses have now been offered on campus; two of these courses have also been offered via distance education, with the remaining Logistics courses either currently under or slated for development for delivery through distance education.

**CHE 09-10 A.S. in Surgical Technology to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-South Bend at South Bend**

 Proposal received on January 18, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 510909; State – 510909

 Projected Annual Headcount: 27; FTEs: 22; Degrees: 10

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

 Ivy Tech currently offers A.S. in Surgical Technology programs in eight of its 14 regions. In FY2007, these programs enrolled a total of 361 headcount or 220 FTE students, and produced 124 graduates. The proposed A.S. articulates with the USI B.S. in Health Services as well as the ISU B.S. in Human Resource Development, both of which are delivered through distance education technology. There is no health-related baccalaureate at IU South Bend that would provide an appropriate articulation.

**CHE 09-12 A.S. in Hospitality Administration to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Indianapolis at Indianapolis**

 Proposal received on March 11, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 120503; State – 120503

 Projected Annual Headcount: 81; FTEs: 49; Degrees: 19

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

 Ivy Tech Indianapolis currently offers an A.A.S. in Hospitality Administration, which enrolled 546 headcount or 283 FTE students in FY2007 and had 22 graduates. The College now wishes to add an A.S., due to an articulation agreement that has been reached with the Purdue West Lafayette B.S. in Food Science/Culinary Arts program. There is currently no baccalaureate at IUPUI that provides an appropriate articulation for Ivy Tech students completing the Culinary Arts concentration of the Hospitality Administration associate degree.

**CHE 09-14 A.S. in Accounting to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Terre Haute at Terre Haute**

 Proposal received on March 20, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 520302; State – 520302

 Projected Annual Headcount: 37; FTEs: 22; Degrees: 8

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

 Ivy Tech Terre Haute currently offers an A.A.S. in Accounting, which, over the past five years (FY2003-FY2007), enrolled an average of 147 headcount or 70 FTE students each year and produced an annual average of 12 graduates. The College now wishes to add an A.S., due to an articulation agreement that has been reached with the Indiana State University B.S. in Accounting.

**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.