# COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, March 13, 2009

**DECISION ITEM A-3:** **Associate of Science in Supply Chain Logistics Management To Be Offered by Vincennes University at the Indianapolis Aviation Technology Center**

**Staff Recommendation** That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Associate of Science in Supply Chain Logistics Management To Be Offered by Vincennes University at the Indianapolis Aviation Technology Center, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, February 27, 2009; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, February 27, 2009.

**Background** The Commission for Higher Education has acted twice in the past five months on the Vincennes University request for multiple authorizations for the A.S. in Supply Chain Logistics Management. At its September 12, 2008 meeting, the Commission authorized Vincennes University to offer its degree at Vincennes and Princeton (Gibson County). At its November 14, 2008 meeting, the Commission approved: (1) a delay, until the February 2009 Commission meeting, in taking action on the VU request to offer the program at the Indianapolis Aviation Technology Center and (2) a delay, until after 2008-09 academic year has concluded, in taking action on the VU request to offer the program at the Jasper center and statewide via distance education.

With respect to the current recommendation, potential employer demand, especially taking into account that the logistics industry may be one of a limited number of opportunities that central Indiana has for truly significant growth in the coming years, weighed heavily in the staff’s decision. While the available employment data is mixed and does not present an overwhelmingly compelling case for needed additional capacity to produce associate degrees, the staff would rather err on the side of ensuring that employers have a workforce that has the preparation needed to take advantage of a potential rapid expansion of economic activity, should that opportunity present itself. Details on employment in the logistics industry cluster will be presented at the Commission meeting.

Consideration of the proposed degree has led to much discussion about competition and the missions of Ivy Tech and Vincennes and their geographic responsibilities. While the complexity of these issues deserves a more detailed and thorough treatment, the staff position, relative to these points, can be summarized as follows.

Vincennes University has had an historic, and quite limited, presence in Indianapolis, generally related to specific programmatic needs and VU’s capacity to respond – perhaps best illustrated by the Commission approval of the A.S. in American Sign Language in March 1990 and the A.S. in Aviation Maintenance Technology in that same month, with significant expansion authorized in May 1992. These programs were authorized, respectively, for delivery at the School for the Deaf and the Aviation Technology Center. While it is true that Ivy Tech Indianapolis had a logistics program authorized since March 2005, the potential economic opportunities in this industry cluster – which are highly specific to the circumstances that present themselves at this particular time – lead the staff to conclude that the presence of two logistics associate degrees in the central Indiana market should not be injurious to either program.

**Supporting Documents** (1) *Abstract -* Associate of Science in Supply Chain Logistics Management To Be Offered by Vincennes University at the Indianapolis Aviation Technology Center, February 27, 2009

(2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary –* A.S. in Supply Chain Logistics, February 27, 2009

**Abstract**

Associate of Science in Supply Chain Logistics Management

To Be Offered by

Vincennes University at the Indianapolis

Aviation Technology Center

February 27, 2009

***Objectives:*** To offer a unique, skills-based degree program that will meet the demands of the state’s manufacturing, distribution, and service industries, and allow graduates to obtain entry-level, supervisory, and mid-level management positions in distribution and logistics.

***Clientele to be Served:*** Traditional and non-traditional students.

***Curriculum:*** A total of 71 credit hours are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Major Program Requirements (42 credit hours)

* Principles of Accounting I (3)
* Logistics Internship (3)
* Legal Environment of Business (3)
* The Computer in Business (3)
* Introduction to Management (3)
* Introduction to Business Finance (3)
* Introduction to Marketing (3)
* Operations Management (3)
* Supply Chain Logistics Management (3)
* Materials Management (3)
* Quality Management (3)
* Warehousing and Procurement (3)
* Transportation (3)
* Integrated Logistics Project (3)

General Education Requirements (9 credit hours)

* English Composition I (3)
* Intermediate Algebra (or higher mathematics; 3)
* Speech (3)

Liberal Education Core (20 credit hours)

* Microeconomics (3)
* Business Communications (3)
* Cultural Diversity: Humanities (3)
* Lifetime Fitness/Wellness (2)
* Introduction to Ethics (3)
* Laboratory Science Elective – Common Core List (3)
* Directed History Elective – Broad Core Liberal Education List (3)

***Employment Possibilities:*** Graduates can expect to gain employment in a wide variety of transportation, storage, warehousing, service, and distribution organizations.

**NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

February 27, 2009

**I. Prepared by Institution**

Institution/Location: Vincennes University to be offered at the Indianapolis Aviation Technology Center

Program: A.S. in Supply Chain Logistics Management

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|  | Year 1 |  | Year 2 |  | Year 3 |  | Year 4 |  | Year 5 |
|  | FY2009 |  | FY2010 |  | FY2011 |  | FY2012 |  | FY2013 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enrollment Projections (Headcount) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-Time | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| Part-Time | 6 |  | 17 |  | 27 |  | 37 |  | 40 |
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| Total | 6 |  | 17 |  | 27 |  | 37 |  | 40 |
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| Enrollment Projections (FTE) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-Time | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| Part-Time | 3 |  | 12 |  | 17 |  | 23 |  | 25 |
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| Total | 3 |  | 12 |  | 17 |  | 23 |  | 25 |
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| Degree Completions Projection | 0 |  | 1 |  | 3 |  | 4 |  | 5 |
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| New State Funds Requested (Actual) \* | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |
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| New State Funds Requested (Increases) \* | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |
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| **II. Prepared by CHE** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| New State Funds To Be Considered |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| For Recommendation (Actual) \* | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |
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| New State Funds To Be Considered |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| For Recommendation (Increases) \* | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |  | -0- |
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CHE Code: 08-11

Campus Code: 1843

County: Marion

Degree Level: 03

CIP Code: Federal – 520203; State – 520303

\* Excludes new state dollars that may be provided through enrollment change funding.