

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, September 11, 2009

DECISION ITEM A-5: 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:

- B.A. in Africana Studies to be offered by Indiana University at its IUPUI campus
- B.S. in Athletic Training to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington at Bloomington
- Technical Certificate in Industrial Technology to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Richmond at Richmond and Connersville

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, August 28, 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

August 28, 2009

CHE 09-24 B.A. in Africana Studies to be offered by Indiana University at its IUPUI Campus

Proposal received on May 18, 2009

CIP Code: Federal – 050201; State – 050201

Projected Annual Headcount: 36; FTEs: 34; Degrees: 6

New State Funds Requested, Actual:

Year 1: \$ 0

Year 2: \$ 0

Year 3: \$ 0

Year 4: \$ 0

Year 5: \$ 0

Ivy Tech Community College and Indiana University have worked out a unique articulation agreement for this program. Students at Ivy Tech can pursue the Humanities concentration within the A.A. in Liberal Arts and take 15 of the 62-65 semester hours required for the degree at IUPUI, although tuition for these courses would be at IUPUI rates. All A.A. credits would count toward the B.A. in Africana Studies. The 15 hours taken at Ivy Tech are all in subject areas that Ivy Tech would not typically teach.

CHE 09-25 B.S. in Athletic Training to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington at Bloomington

Proposal received on May 18, 2009

CIP Code: Federal – 510913; State – 510913

Projected Annual Headcount: 69; FTEs: 71; Degrees: 15

New State Funds Requested, Actual:

Year 1: \$ 0

Year 2: \$ 0

Year 3: \$ 0

Year 4: \$ 0

Year 5: \$ 0

Indiana University seeks to split off Athletic Training, which is a separate major within the existing B.S. in Kinesiology, into a separate degree program. This needs to be done in order to maintain accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). In FY2008, the B.S. in Kinesiology enrolled 1,963 headcount or 1,875 FTE students and had 351 graduates.

CHE 09-32 T.C. in Industrial Technology to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Richmond at Richmond and Connersville

Proposal received on July 15, 2009

CIP Code: Federal – 150612; State – 150612

Projected Annual Headcount: 57; FTEs: 40; Degrees: 13
New State Funds Requested, Actual:

Year 1: \$ 0

Year 2: \$ 0

Year 3: \$ 0

Year 4: \$ 0

Year 5: \$ 0

Ivy Tech Community College offers the T.C. in Industrial Technology throughout its system. Adding the Richmond and Connersville sites would enable Region 9 to have programmatic offerings similar to all other Ivy Tech regions and sites.

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.