

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, May 11, 2012

DECISION ITEM A-2: Degree Programs To Be Offered Statewide via Distance Education Technology on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve by consent the following degree programs to be offered statewide via distance education, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item:

- Master of Science in Technology Management to be offered by Indiana State University
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology to be offered by Indiana University East
- Master of Public Affairs to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
- Master of Science in Computer Science to be offered by Purdue University West Lafayette
- Master of Social Work to be offered by Indiana University Indianapolis
- Masters in Educational Leadership to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics to be offered by Indiana University East
- Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration to be offered by Ball State University
- Master of Science in Technology to be offered by Purdue University Calumet
- Bachelor of Science in Political Science to be offered by Indiana University East

Background

Long-standing concerns about the cost to students of pursuing distance education programs led to a reluctance by the Commission and staff to place distance education program requests on the Commission's agenda for action until more was known about this topic and a policy that might guide decision-making. This has led to a backlog of ten requests for distance education degree programs.

Because of the extended conversation that has taken place in recent months and the development of a proposed policy toward fees and programs offered by Indiana University and Purdue University regional campuses, all ten of the pending distance education degree requests have been placed on the agenda for action.

Four of the pending requests are for baccalaureate programs, three of which are for IU East programs (Psychology, Mathematics, and Political Science) and one from Ball State University (Business Administration). All four programs require 120 semester hours of credit and have articulation agreements with Ivy Tech Community College.

The six remaining programs are all professional master's programs. Two of these are from IU Bloomington, while one each are from Indiana State University, IUPUI (IU), Purdue University Calumet, and Purdue University West Lafayette.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Background Information on Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action, April 27, 2012*
- (2) *Policy for New Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action, September 2, 2004*

**Background Information on Academic Degree Programs To Be Offered Statewide
via Distance Education Technology on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action**

April 27, 2012

CHE 11-22 Master of Science in Technology Management to be offered by Indiana State University

Proposal received on June 20, 2011
CIP Code: Federal – 151501; State – 151501
Projected Annual Headcount: 50; FTEs: 28; Degrees:22
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

CHE 11-32 Bachelor of Science in Psychology to be offered by Indiana University East

Proposal received on October 28, 2011
CIP Code: Federal – 420101; State – 42101
Projected Annual Headcount: 50; FTEs: 50; Degrees: 20
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

CHE 11-33 Master of Public Affairs to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington

Proposal received on October 28, 2011
CIP Code: Federal – 440401; State – 440401
Projected Annual Headcount: 140; FTEs: 119; Degrees: 40
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

CHE 11-34 Master of Science in Computer Science to be offered by Purdue University West Lafayette

Proposal received on November 4, 2011
CIP Code: Federal – 110101; State – 110101
Projected Annual Headcount: 100; FTEs: 25; Degrees: 15
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

CHE 12-02 Master of Social Work to be offered by Indiana University Indianapolis

Proposal received on January 4, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 440701; State – 440701
Projected Annual Headcount: 208; FTEs: 162; Degrees: 64
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

CHE 12-08 Masters in Educational Leadership to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington

Proposal received on February 29, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 130401; State – 130401
Projected Annual Headcount: 70; FTEs: 70; Degrees: 60
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

CHE 12-09 Bachelor of Science in Mathematics to be offered by Indiana University East

Proposal received on February 29, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 301801; State – 301801
Projected Annual Headcount: 20; FTEs: 20; Degrees: 10
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0

Year 5: \$ 0

CHE 12-13 Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration to be offered by Ball State University

Proposal received on March 2, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 520101; State – 520101
Projected Annual Headcount: 190; FTEs: 120; Degrees: 30
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

CHE 12-15 Master of Science in Technology to be offered by Purdue University Calumet

Proposal received on April 12, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 151501; State – 151501
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

CHE 12-16 Bachelor of Science in Political Science to be offered by Indiana University East

Proposal received on April 30, 2012
CIP Code: Federal – 451001; State – 451001
Projected Annual Headcount: 40; FTEs: 40; Degrees: 20
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

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.