Commission approves funding and degrees

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. – Unanimously approved by the Budget and Productivity Committee, the Commission was presented with a per-unit performance funding payment system and approved the recommendation. They also approved a doctoral in Nursing program for Purdue and a new medical school in Evansville, Indiana.

"These approvals for funding allow the Commission and the State of Indiana to pay for what it values before the data are finalized," said Commissioner Lubbers after today's vote.

In the previous biennium, the Commission employed a weighting system connected to each performance metric, allowing for the Commission to create a baseline per-unit payment. The same dollar amount as weighted was recommended for the next biennium. This will allow institutions to predict payments earlier in the budget development process.

The Commission also approved the Doctor of Nursing Practice to be offered collaboratively at Purdue West Lafayette, Purdue Calumet and IPFW, making this the first doctoral program to be offered at a regional campus.

After two meetings with the Academic Affairs and Quality Committee, the Commission staff felt that it was appropriate to bring the degree program to the Commission for a vote. This is a major step for the Purdue Calumet and IPFW regional campuses, being the first of the 8 regional campuses to offer a doctoral program.

The Commission approved the Indiana trustees request for 2 million dollars to proceed with planning for the new construction site of an IU medical School in Evansville. The funding for this project was appropriated by the General Assembly during the 2013 - 2015 biennium. These five story, two building towers will encompass a partnership and educational collaborative between Indiana University, Ivy Tech, USI and the University of Evansville.

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