

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, May 14, 2010

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:

- Associate of Science in Aviation Flight Technology to be offered by Vincennes University at the Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis
- Associate of Applied Science in Advanced Manufacturing to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-South Bend at Warsaw
- Bachelor of Arts in Natural Science and Mathematics to be offered by Indiana University East-Statewide via Distance Education Technology

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 30, 2010
- (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 30, 2010

CHE 10-05 Associate of Science in Aviation Flight Technology to be offered by Vincennes University at the Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis

Proposal received on February 4, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 490102; State – 490102
Projected Annual Headcount: 70; FTEs: 81; Degrees: 29
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

Vincennes University currently offers the A.S. in Aviation Flight Technology program at its Vincennes campus. VU has proposed offering this program at the Aviation Technology Center (ATC), where it also offers another aviation-related associate degree program in aviation maintenance. The Aviation Flight Technology program will fully articulate with the Purdue aviation baccalaureate programs that are offered at the ATC.

CHE 10-08 Associate of Applied Science in Advanced Manufacturing to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-South Bend at Warsaw

Proposal received on February 18, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 150613; State – 150613
Projected Annual Headcount: 81; FTEs: 65; Degrees: 19
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

Ivy Tech offers the A.A.S. in Advanced Manufacturing in all 14 regions, including the South Bend campus in Region 2. Statewide, in FY2009, the Advanced Manufacturing program, together with the related Industrial Technology program, enrolled a total of 3,045 headcount or 1,831 FTE students. The offering of this program is specifically intended to address the workforce needs of the Warsaw Orthopedic and Advanced Manufacturing Center.

CHE 10-11 Bachelor of Arts in Natural Science and Mathematics to be offered by Indiana University East-Statewide via Distance Education Technology

Proposal received on March 12, 2010

CIP Code: Federal – 301801; State – 301801

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

IU East currently offers the B.S. in Natural Science and Mathematics on the Richmond campus. In FY2008, this program enrolled 27 headcount or 17 FTE students and had nine graduates. The offering of the program is consistent with Commission distance education policy. Indiana resident students pursuing this program through distance education pay the same fees as resident on-campus students (\$181 per credit hour). Non-resident students who enroll in the program through distance education pay a much lower fee rate (\$254 per credit hour) than non-residents who come to campus (\$486).

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.