

## COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, February 10, 2012

### **DECISION ITEM A-3: Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action**

#### **Staff Recommendation**

That the Commission for Higher Education approve by consent the following degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item:

- Master of Science in Technology Management to be offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute

#### **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*, January 27, 2012
- (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**

January 27, 2012

### **CHE 11-22 Master of Science in Technology Management to be offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute**

Indiana State University currently offers an M.S. in Industrial Technology. The University has requested a name change for this program as well as a significant restructuring of the curriculum, which will now include formal concentrations that should better address the needs of students and employers. The University has also requested that the M.S. in Technology Management be delivered statewide via distance education, but that will require separate action by the Commission at a later meeting; the present action only applies to the on-campus offering of this program.

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

## **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.