

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, March 11, 2011

DECISION ITEM A-4: 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:

- Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Construction Management to be offered by Ball State University at Muncie
- Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington at Bloomington
- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering to be offered by Purdue University-North Central in Westville
- Bachelor of General Studies to be offered by Indiana University East and Kokomo 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*, February 25, 2011
- (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

February 25, 2011

CHE 09-59 Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Construction Management to be offered by Ball State University at Muncie

Proposal received on December 23, 2009
CIP Code: Federal – 522001; State – 522001
Projected Annual Headcount: 280; FTEs: 270; Degrees: 65
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

Ball State University and Ivy Tech Community College agree that at present no articulation makes sense to a closely related degree at the College. However, both institutions will continue to work on a potential pathway.

CHE 10-27 Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington at Bloomington

Proposal received on June 30, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 500407; State – 500407
Projected Annual Headcount: 159; FTEs: 163; Degrees: 36
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

Indiana University and Ivy Tech Community College agree that no articulation makes sense to a closely related degree at the College.

CHE 10-47 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering to be offered by Purdue University-North Central at Westville

Proposal received on December 27, 2010
CIP Code: Federal – 141001; State – 141001
Projected Annual Headcount: 75; FTEs: 65; Degrees: 12
New State Funds Requested, Actual:
Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0

Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

An articulation agreement with Ivy Tech Community College exists for this program. Approval of the B.S. in Electrical Engineering is consistent with the regional campus agreement.

CHE 11-02 Bachelor of General Studies to be offered by Indiana University East and Kokomo Statewide via Distance Education Technology

Proposal received on January 28, 2011
CIP Code: Federal – 240201; State – 240102

IU East

Projected Annual Headcount: 85; FTEs: 55; Degrees: 38
New State Funds Requested, Actual:

Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

IU Kokomo

Projected Annual Headcount: 85; FTEs: 55; Degrees: 37
New State Funds Requested, Actual:

Year 1: \$ 0
Year 2: \$ 0
Year 3: \$ 0
Year 4: \$ 0
Year 5: \$ 0

An articulation agreement with Ivy Tech Community College exists for this program. Approval of the Bachelor of General Studies is consistent with the regional campus agreement and with the Commission's policies on distance education .

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.