

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, August 12, 2011

DECISION ITEM A-6: Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action

Staff Recommendation

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

- Bachelor of Science in Chemical Biology to be offered at Indiana University Kokomo at Kokomo
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics to be offered by Indiana University East at Richmond
- Technical Certificate, Associate of Applied Science, and Associate of Science in Business Administration to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Gary at East Chicago, Evansville at Tell City, and Statewide via Distance Education Technology, and

Certificate in Human Resource Management to be offered by Gary at East Chicago and Evansville at Tell City

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*, July 29, 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

July 29, 2011

CHE 11-11 Bachelor of Science in Chemical Biology to be offered by Indiana University-Kokomo at Kokomo

Proposal received on April 27, 2011
CIP Code: Federal – 260299; State – 260299
Projected Annual Headcount: 12; FTEs: 12; Degrees: 3
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 Chemical Biology is consistent with the regional campus agreement.

CHE 11-24 Bachelor of Science in Mathematics to be offered by Indiana University East at Richmond

Proposal received on June 29, 2011
CIP Code: Federal – 270101; State – 270101
Projected Annual Headcount: 24; FTEs: 20; Degrees: 6
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 Mathematics is consistent with the regional campus agreement.

CHE 11-26 Technical Certificate, Associate of Applied Science, and Associate of Science in Business Administration to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Gary at East Chicago, Evansville at Tell City, and Statewide via Distance Education Technology; and

Certificate in Human Resource Management to be offered by Gary at East Chicago and Evansville at Tell City

Proposal received on July 12, 2011
CIP Code: Federal – 113011; State – 113011

East Chicago

Projected Annual Headcount: 41; FTEs: 30; Degrees: 10

Tell City

Projected Annual Headcount: 20; FTEs: 15; Degrees: 5

New State Funds Requested, Actual:

Year 1: \$ 0

Year 2: \$ 0

Year 3: \$ 0

Year 4: \$ 0

Year 5: \$ 0

Ivy Tech offers already offers these programs widely throughout the state; authorization at these sites will fill in gaps. Approval of these Business Administration programs statewide via distance education is consistent with the Commission's policies in this area.

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.