

## COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, August 13, 2010

### **DECISION ITEM B-5: 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 Imaging Sciences to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Madison at Madison and Lawrenceburg
- Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology to be offered by Vincennes University at Vincennes
- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies to be offered by Indiana University-Bloomington at Bloomington

#### **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 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**

July 30, 2010

### **CHE 10-15 Associate of Science in Imaging Sciences to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Madison at Madison and Lawrenceburg**

Proposal received on April 22, 2010  
CIP Code: Federal – 510907; State – 510907  
Projected Annual Headcount: 6; FTEs: 10; Degrees: 6  
New State Funds Requested, Actual:  
Year 1: \$ 0  
Year 2: \$ 0  
Year 3: \$ 0  
Year 4: \$ 0  
Year 5: \$ 0

Ivy Tech re-titled its existing Radiologic Technology programs. An articulation agreement exists that will allow students to transfer their coursework into the USI B.S. in Health Services, which is available statewide via distance education.

### **CHE 10-16 Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology to be offered by Vincennes University at Vincennes**

Proposal received on May 3, 2010  
CIP Code: Federal – 480508; State – 480508  
Projected Annual Headcount: 40; FTEs: 35; Degrees: 26  
New State Funds Requested, Actual:  
Year 1: \$ 0  
Year 2: \$ 0  
Year 3: \$ 0  
Year 4: \$ 0  
Year 5: \$ 0

VU currently offers a Technical Certificate in Welding Technology, which focuses on technical skills; this program enrolled 42 headcount or 37 FTE students and had 13 graduates in FY2009. Completion of the A.A.S. curriculum will open up opportunities for students in areas such as management, inspection, and automation.

**CHE 10-22 Master of Arts in Jewish Studies to be offered by Indiana University-Bloomington at Bloomington**

Proposal received on May 28, 2010

CIP Code: Federal – 380206; State – 380206

Projected Annual Headcount: 10; FTEs: 7; Degrees: 5

New State Funds Requested, Actual:

Year 1: \$ 0

Year 2: \$ 0

Year 3: \$ 0

Year 4: \$ 0

Year 5: \$ 0

The Bloomington campus offers a B.A. in Jewish Studies, which the Commission approved in August 1992. In FY2009, that program enrolled 43 headcount or 37 FTE students and had nine graduates. IU Bloomington has extensive disciplinary resources to support this program, including area studies, comparative literature, history, religious studies, and folklore.

## **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.