

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, June 11, 2010

DECISION ITEM B: **Resolution in Support of Executive Order Recognizing WGU Indiana**

Staff Recommendation That the Commission for Higher Education approve a resolution in support of the Executive Order recognizing WGU Indiana.

Background Western Governors University is a nationally-recognized non-profit and independent university that is regionally and nationally accredited, offering online degrees based on student competencies.

The Executive Order will establish a partnership with WGU Indiana. The Commission for Higher Education will recognize and endorse WGU Indiana as an important component of the state's postsecondary system, and will establish appropriate policies to govern WGU Indiana. The Indiana Department of Workforce Development will explore the utilization of programs like WGU Indiana to support dislocated workers and other Hoosiers seeking educational opportunities. The State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana will take steps to ensure that students studying at WGU Indiana are eligible for state student financial aid.

Supporting Document *Executive Order - WGU Indiana.* To be distributed.