

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, June 10, 2011

DECISION ITEM D: Adoption of the 2011-12 Indiana/Ohio Reciprocity Agreement

Staff Recommendation That the Commission for Higher Education approve the *Memorandum of Understanding Between Indiana and Ohio Regarding Tuition Reciprocity, 2011-2012.*

Background The rationale for reciprocity agreements is to expand access to higher education, and also to recognize that population growth, economic development, and the need for postsecondary access seldom pay attention to state boundaries.

In 2004-05, Indiana and Ohio entered into a limited agreement to provide reciprocal tuition for residents of specified counties who attend specified postsecondary institutions.

Historically and currently, the reciprocity agreement between Indiana and Ohio has never achieved enrollment or fiscal parity, with many more Ohio students taking advantage of reduced tuition in Indiana. In the last two years the disparity has narrowed significantly but remains a concern. When determining appropriations for higher education institutions participating in this agreement, funding for the purposes of state support will be capped at 2008-09 levels for Ohio Reciprocity students.

Supporting Document *To be distributed.*