**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday, June 12, 2009

**DECISION ITEM A-2: 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:

* M.S. in Education to be offered by Purdue University West Lafayette Statewide via Distance Education Technology
* T.C./A.A.S./A.S. in Hospitality Administration to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana-Columbus at Columbus
* B.S. in Nursing (Generic) to be offered by Indiana University Indianapolis at Columbus

**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*, May 29, 2009

(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**

May 29, 2009

**CHE 09-13 M.S. in Education to be offered by Purdue University West Lafayette Statewide via Distance Education Technology**

 Proposal received on March 16, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 130101; State – 130101

 Projected Annual Headcount: 40; FTEs: 27; Degrees: 30

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

 The Purdue University West Lafayette M.S./M.S.Ed. in Education enrolled a total of 650 headcount or 175 FTE students in FY2007. Offering this program is consistent with the Commission’s policies on distance education.

**CHE 09-15 T.C./A.A.S./A.S. in Hospitality Administration to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College-Columbus at Columbus**

 Proposal received on April 27, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 520999; State – 520999

 Projected Annual Headcount: 82; FTEs: 54; Degrees: 12

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 68,181

 Year 2: $ 27,592

 Year 3: $ 14,252

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

 Ivy Tech currently offers associate degrees in Hospitality Administration in nine of its 14 regions. There is no closely related baccalaureate program in the Columbus area with which the proposed program can articulate. However, the A.S. in Hospitality Administration articulates with the Ball State University B.S. in Family and Consumer Science, Food Management option.

**CHE 09-27 B.S. in Nursing (Generic) to be offered by Indiana University Indianapolis at Columbus**

 Proposal received on May 18, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 511601; State – 511601

 Projected Annual Headcount: 80; FTEs: 84; Degrees: 20

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

Indiana University is authorized to offer the B.S. in Nursing (Completion) in Columbus; this program enrolled 40 headcount or 16 FTE students in FY2007. Offering this program is consistent with the *Regional Campus Agreement* approved in May 2001.

**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.