**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday, February 13, 2009

**DECISION ITEM A-3: 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:

* Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision to be offered by Ball State University Statewide via Distance Education Technology
* M.S. Ed. in Educational Leadership to be offered by Indiana University Northwest at Gary
* Master of Social Work to be offered by Indiana University - IUPUI at Fort Wayne

**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*, January 30, 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**

January 30, 2009

**CHE 09-01 Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision to be offered by Ball State University Statewide via Distance Education Technology**

 Proposal received on January 16, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 130401; State – 130401

 Projected Annual Headcount: 25; FTEs: 15; Degrees: 6

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

Ball State University has long offered the Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision on campus. Over the past five years (FY2003-07), the program had an average annual enrollment of 37 headcount, or 16 FTE students, and graduated an annual average of 5 students. This program request is consistent with the Commission’s *Policy on Delivering Degree Programs Through Distance Education Technology*.

**CHE 09-03 M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership to be offered by Indiana University Northwest at Gary**

 Proposal received on January 16, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 130401; State – 130401

 Projected Annual Headcount: 36; FTEs: 17; Degrees: 12

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

Indiana University Northwest currently offers a sequence of courses as part of an educational leadership licensure program, which has had a 100% pass rate on the state testing requirement of the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA). This licensure sequence will be replaced by the proposed M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership, which is intended to produce better prepared and higher performing school principals. Approval of this program is consistent with the *Regional Campus Agreement*, which was signed in May 2001 and reaffirmed most recently in June 2007 as part of the *Strategic Directions for Indiana*.

**CHE 09-06 Master of Social Work to be offered by Indiana University-IUPUI at Fort Wayne**

 Proposal received on January 16, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 440701; State – 440701

 Projected Annual Headcount: 25; FTEs: 21; Degrees: 0

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

In FY2007, the Indiana University Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) at IUPUI enrolled a total of 651 headcount, or 535 FTE students, and had 188 graduates. Indiana University will deliver the same M.S.W. curriculum – in a part-time, evening cohort model – to students at the IPFW campus, and will accomplish this by relying primarily on IUPUI faculty who will commute to Ft. Wayne.

**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.