**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday, March 13, 2009

**DECISION ITEM A-4: 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.S. in School Superintendency to be offered by Ball State University Statewide via Distance Education Technology
* B.S. in Nursing (Completion Program) to be offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg
* B.S. in Elementary Education to be offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg
* B.S. in Business Administration to be offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg

**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**

February 27, 2009

**CHE 09-02 Ed.S. in School Superintendency 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: 30; FTEs: 18; 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.S. in Educational Administration and Supervision on campus. Over the past three years (FY2005-07), the program had an average annual enrollment of 37 headcount, or 15 FTE students, and graduated an annual average of seven students. This program request is consistent with the Commission’s *Policy on Delivering Degree Programs Through Distance Education Technology*.

**CHE 09-07 B.S. in Nursing (Completion Program) to be offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg**

 Proposal received on January 16, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 510601; State – 510601

 Projected Annual Headcount: 20; FTEs: 10; Degrees: 20

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

Indiana University East currently offers the B.S. in Nursing (Generic) on campus; this program enrolled 246 headcount or 185 FTE students in FY2007 and had 33 graduates that same year. The B.S. in Nursing (Completion) is also offered on campus, and enrollments in that program have increased significantly in recent years: from 21 in FY2003 to 62 in FY2007 (headcount) and eight to 36 (FTE) for those same years. The B.S.N. (Completion) program had ten graduates in FY2007. The IU East campus is eliminating all of its associate degrees and has an articulation agreement with Ivy Tech’s A.S. in Nursing. 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 09-08 B.S. in Elementary Education to be offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg**

 Proposal received on January 16, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 131202; State – 131202

 Projected Annual Headcount: 50; FTEs: 32; Degrees: 16

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

 Indiana University East currently offers the B.S. in Elementary Education on campus; this program enrolled 223 headcount or 154 FTE students in FY2007 and had 19 graduates that same year. The IU East campus is eliminating all of its associate degrees and has an articulation agreement with Ivy Tech’s A.S. in Education – Elementary Education. 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 09-09 B.S. in Business Administration to be offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg**

 Proposal received on January 16, 2009

 CIP Code: Federal – 520201; State – 520201

 Projected Annual Headcount: 48; FTEs: 48; Degrees: 24

 New State Funds Requested, Actual:

 Year 1: $ 0

 Year 2: $ 0

 Year 3: $ 0

 Year 4: $ 0

 Year 5: $ 0

 Indiana University East currently offers the B.S. in Business Administration on campus; this program enrolled 209 headcount or 92 FTE students in FY2007 and had 56 graduates FY2006. The IU East campus is eliminating all of its associate degrees and has an articulation agreement with Ivy Tech’s A.S. in Business Administration. 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*.

**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.