

July 13, 2009

## **Letter to ICCPHSE from Christopher Blake**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Chair of the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education for 2009-2010 and to share some of my thoughts about the work of the Coordinating Council.

The Iowa Coordinating Council membership includes all Iowa post-secondary institutions. Its main function is “to provide an effective means for voluntary cooperation and coordination among the various boards which are ultimately responsible for post-high school education in Iowa.” One of the Coordinating Council’s principal responsibilities is to “provide for review of all proposals for new academic programs, including on-line programs, and the offering of existing programs at new locations.”

To accomplish that responsibility, the Iowa Coordinating Council uses a process which requires the preparation and submission of an Intent to Offer Form. All proposals to offer new academic programs and/or new locations are submitted to the Iowa Coordinating Council listserv to give members an opportunity to review and comment on the proposal(s). The listserv is our key communication tool. This process allows member institutions to enter into a collegial discussion about the higher education needs of the state.

Another Coordinating Council responsibility is to review and comment on proposals submitted by higher education institutions that are seeking registration in the state. Council members receive application information on the listserv and can provide comments which will inform the registration process. This is another way that the Coordinating Council can address the higher education needs of the state.

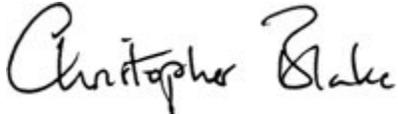
A third responsibility is the annual ICCPHSE enrollment report. This is an important statewide data gathering effort. This year, we will use an electronic survey. I urge you to complete the enrollment survey on a timely basis.

The Coordinating Council Executive Committee has developed the meeting schedule for the 2009-2010 academic year – October 21, 2009 (location to be determined); January 20, 2010 (Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids); and April 21, 2010 (location to be determined). We plan to have informative presentations at the meetings and anticipate worthwhile interactions with member representatives at the meetings.

I look forward to working with all of you during the coming year on meeting the goals of the Iowa Coordinating Council. I am confident that we can continue to work collaboratively to provide quality educational services to the citizens of Iowa. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your comments or suggestions about the Iowa Coordinating Council.

You may also direct any questions or comments to the Iowa Coordinating Council Permanent Secretary Diana Gonzalez at 515-242-6116 or [gonzalez@iastate.edu](mailto:gonzalez@iastate.edu).

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Blake". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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