

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: October 4, 2000 Meeting of the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post High School Education (ICCPHSE)
Date: October 9, 2000

Recommended Actions:

1. Receive the report on the October 4, 2000 Meeting of the ICCPHSE.
2. Approve the proposed Board of Regent Policy on new programs with respect to actions by the ICCPHSE.

Executive Summary:

The Iowa Coordinating Council for Post High School Education held its first meeting of the 2000-2001 academic year at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge on October 4. Below is a summary of the major actions taken at this meeting.

New programs approved

1. Eastern Iowa Community College District – Health Information Technology (on-campus)
2. Hawkeye Community College – Industrial/Manufacturing Technology/Technician (on-campus)
3. Loras College – Athletic Training Major (on-campus)
4. Northwest Iowa Community College – Business Systems Networking (on-campus)
5. Western Iowa Tech Community College – Information Systems Management (on-campus)
6. Western Iowa Tech Community College – Medical Office Management (on-campus)

College Opportunities On-Line

The ICCPHSE heard a presentation on the College Opportunities On-Line (COOL) program that has been developed by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES). The program provides a national site for all postsecondary education institutions. The site is intended for use primarily by students and parents in locating educational opportunities. The site may be used to locate institutions by geographical area, programs, type of institutions and other factors. The web site is located at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool/>

New Program Review Policy Adopted

The ICCPHSE approved a policy that changes the nature of the actions taken by the ICCPHSE when reviewing new program requests (see attached). The changes are as follows:

1. The ICCPHSE will no longer “Approve” or “Reject” new program proposals from member institutions.
2. Instead, the ICCPHSE will “receive” the reports on proposed new programs, noting comments and discussion (if any).
3. The ICCPHSE will have a (yet to be developed) formal process for summarizing and forwarding the summaries to the appropriate governing board (i.e., Board of Regents, State of Iowa). The summaries, either positive or negative, will also be shared with the media.
4. The Board of Regents and each of the other sectors of postsecondary education need to adopt procedures to consider the summaries that may record reactions, concerns, support, suggestions and objections. A proposed process for the Board of Regents appears below.
5. Emphasis at ICCPHSE meetings will be on “enlightened discussion” of each proposed program sharing support or concerns regarding a new program proposal.
6. The new ICCPHSE Program Approval Policy does not eliminate the need to report new programs or program locations to the ICCPHSE.

Proposed Board of Regents Policy

At the present time, Board of Regents policy requires the Regent Universities to receive approval of all proposed new programs by the ICCPHSE. The proposed policy below changes the wording of the current Board policy (Section 6.05 *Procedural Guide*) to require a report to the Board of Regents of any summaries (positive or negative) from the ICCPHSE on new Regent program proposals or new locations consistent with the new ICCPHSE policy.

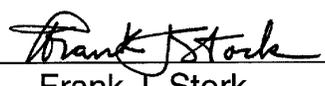
6.05 Academic Program Review Approval

A. [first paragraph remains the same]

[Completely new paragraph] All new programs and program locations shall be submitted to the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post High School Education (ICCPHSE) for review at the next meeting of the ICCPHSE following approval by the Board of Regents. Any summaries of the discussion of the ICCPHSE of the proposed program or program location, shall be reported to the Board of Regents at its next regularly scheduled meeting.



Robert J. Barak

Approved: 

Frank J. Stork

VI. Policy on Actions Taken by Council on New Program Proposals

Upon receipt of the information on proposed new programs (as described in Sections III and IV above) the Council will adopt one of the following motions:

- A. ~~Approve proposed program.~~ Receive the report, noting comments and discussion (if any).
It is envisioned that the new policy would be accompanied by specific procedures. These procedures would establish a formal process of summarizing the discussion of each proposal (including any objections and/or concerns), forwarding these summaries to the appropriate governing, coordinating or association board, and disseminating these summaries via media mailings across the state. Each of the boards would need to adopt procedures whereby the actions, concerns, objections, etc., will be formally considered. This places the responsibility for subsequent action on the appropriate board.
- B. ~~Defer action pending the collection of additional information.~~
- C. ~~Reject proposed program based on the following identified concerns (specific concerns must be listed in the motion).~~

¹ Documentation of a program approval request should include studies/surveys of potential students or employers, relevant work force studies, discussion and consultation with other institutions offering the same or similar programs in the same location(s), efforts to coordinate offerings including credit transfer and tuition reciprocity agreements. New program/site proposals should also reflect the contextual issues noted above that will frame the Coordinating Council's discussion of the approval request.

² The Council's purview does not include courses. If at some point in time an institution decides that it would like to combine previously offered courses to form a program, program approval should be sought. If offering some courses is a means of testing the market for a program this intention should be filed with the ICCPHSE. No degrees or certificates of completion of programs may be advertised or awarded based substantially on courses offered by any institution on ICN until the program is approved by ICCPHSE for the degree or certificate awarding school.

³ Institutions will be given until December 1, 1994, to declare programs that have been offered on the ICN prior to 8/30/94. Programs not declared by this date will be required to follow the procedures for new programs and locations as outlined elsewhere in the policy.