

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: December Iowa Coordinating Council for
Post-High School Education
Date: December 8, 2000

Recommended Action:

Receive the report on the December meeting of the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education (ICCPHSE).

Executive Summary:

The Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education met at the University of Northern Iowa on December 6, for its regular quarterly meeting. Below is a summary of the December meeting.

➤ Received new program requests from the following institutions:

Briar Cliff College – Master of Arts in Education (via ICN)

Des Moines University – Proposal to transition from a Bachelor's to a Master's degree in the Physician Assistants Program (On-Campus)

Proposal to Transition from a Masters to a Doctorate in Physical Therapy Degree (on-Campus)

Proposal to offer a Transitional Doctorate in Physical Therapy (Off-Campus)

Iowa State University – New BA Program in Classical Studies (On-Campus)

New BS program in Technical Communication (On-Campus)


University of Northern Iowa—Master of Accounting (Off-Campus: Des Moines)

- This was the first meeting in which the ICCPHSE new policy on program review was in effect. The ICCPHSE no longer "approves" new programs and program locations; instead the ICCPHSE "receives" the requests. If concerns are raised about a particular program, those concerns are forwarded to the governing board of the institution proposing the program. At the December meeting, the only program for which concerns were raised was the University of Northern Iowa, Master of Accounting (Off-Campus: Des Moines). If the institution raising the concern about this program puts its concerns in writing they will be shared with the Board of Regents at a future meeting.
- New Procedures for Review of Programs. The Council reviewed a proposed set of procedures for the operation of its new policy on program/location review. Following a discussion of the new procedure, the Council made some modifications to the proposal. A draft copy of the revised procedures is attached.
- Legislative reports. Each sector of the ICCPHSE gave brief reports on its Legislative requests. President Koob reported on the Board of Regents legislative program and priorities that have been previously approved by the Board.

Robert Paxton, President of Iowa Central Community College, mentioned full funding for the state increase in the community college formula, removal of the sunset provision on technology equipment funding, support of community college inclusion in the K-12 salary initiative, and continued support of the ACE Partnership with business and industry for technical education.

John Hartung, President of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, reported that the private colleges would again be seeking full funding for the tuition grant program and the "Partnership Program of Des Moines University. In addition, they will be monitoring teacher testing, student vaccinations, student alcohol use/abuse and related matters.

An official copy of the December 6 minutes will be on file in the Board Office.



Robert J. Barak

Approved:



Frank J. Stork

PROPOSED ICCPHSE REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR NEW PROGRAMS

1. ICCPHSE member institutions proposing new programs or program locations will submit a completed one page "Notice of Intent" form on an ICCPHSE member list-serve at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the ICCPHSE that the institution plans to make a formal report on the new program or program location. ICCPHSE members and member institutions receiving the list-serve notice will have fifteen (15) days to respond with any concerns about the proposed program or location. Comments on a proposed program/location can be of two types: (1) inquiries; and (2) concerns. Inquiries are just questions raised for purposes of clarification, whereas concerns are serious reservations or opposition to a proposed program/location. Inquiries and concerns should be made over the list-serve. The institution proposing the program/location will need to respond to the concerns before bringing the proposed program to the ICCPHSE. Following receipt of the proposing institution's response to any concerns, the institution raising the concerns may withdraw its concerns.
2. After thirty (30) days, the proposing institution may formally submit the program to the ICCPHSE.
3. If after thirty (30) days no concerns are raised (or have been withdrawn), the proposed program or location will be listed on the ICCPHSE consent agenda for ratification at the next ICCPHSE meeting. This will be known as the "fast track." Since no concerns have been raised, the proposing institution may begin to implement the program.
4. If concerns are raised within the thirty-day notification period, the program/location will be formally considered by the ICCPHSE and an opportunity will be provided for any institution(s) to raise concerns regarding the proposed program/location. The institution proposing the program will need to complete ICCPHSE application (or its equivalent) for inclusion in the materials provided to all members with the meeting agenda. Institution(s) opposing the program/location will need to submit their concerns in writing for consideration by the Council.
5. If an institution is still concerned about the proposed program/location after the ICCPHSE meeting where the proposed program/location has been discussed, formal written concerns should be provided to the ICCPHSE permanent secretary within thirty days. These written concerns and any responses to the concerns will be forwarded to the appropriate governing board and/or coordinating board of the institution proposing the program/location. The written comments will also be placed on the ICCPHSE list-serve and will be shared with the media in the affected areas.