

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents

From: Board Office

Subject: Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education – May Meeting

Date: June 5, 2000

Recommended Action:

Receive the report.

Executive Summary:

The Iowa Coordinating Council for Post High School Education (ICCPHSE) met on May 23 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. Below is a brief summary of the major actions taken at that meeting.

New Programs Approved

The Coordinating Council approved the following new program requests:

- Briar Cliff College - New Media (On-Campus)
- Iowa Western Community College - Radio and TV Production (On-Campus)
- Kirkwood Community College - Fire Fighting & Global Imaging (Both On-Campus)

Enrollment Data Reporting

The ICCPHSE discussed the date that the postsecondary institutions in Iowa submit their fall enrollment information for the Coordinating Council's Annual Fall Enrollment Report. This information had been reported on the same date as the federal enrollment reporting date but changes by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) will result in a change in the federal reporting requirement date. This reporting date change would make it difficult for the ICCPHSE Report to be prepared in a timely manner. The Council agreed on a new reporting date for the ICCPHSE Enrollment Report separate from the federal reporting date. This enrollment data is a part of the enrollment information reported to the Board of Regents every fall.

Appointments

The Coordinating Council appointed Fred Moore as Chair of the ICCPHSE for the 2000-2001 year to begin this summer and end September 2001. The Council will await nominations from the Regents and the Community Colleges for the Executive Committee positions of immediate past chair and vice-chair, respectively.

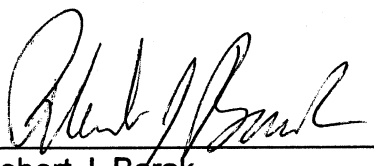
The Council also appointed an Audit Committee to report at the fall 2000 meeting.

Program Approval Committee Report

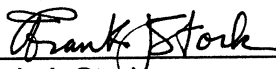
The Council heard a status report from a Committee reviewing the Council's role in program approval. A "Draft" report of the Committee Report recommends that the Coordinating Council continue to review programs but no longer act to *approve* or *disapprove* programs. Instead the Council would review the programs and the specific actions taken would be to *accept* or *not accept* a report on a new program proposal. The Committee action would also include public dissemination of the Council's action. As a result of this proposed change, it would be the responsibility of the various boards to consider the Council's action at the time that a program is approved. For the Board of Regents, this means that the Board would agree to not approve programs until after the Council had acted and to take the Coordinating Council's action including any discussion of the program, into consideration when the Board of Regents officially acts to approve a program.

There was general support for this approach expressed at the meeting. A motion to add a stipulation requiring a follow-up report on each controversial report was not adopted but was referred to the Committee for consideration.

The Committee met following the regular Coordinating Council meeting and adopted the draft policy with a few modifications. The Committee did not agree to add the requirement for a follow-up report. A majority of the members agreed that it should not be a part of the new policy but could be a separate action of the Council, and agreed to undertake such a report on a given program.


Robert J. Barak

Approved:


Frank J. Stork