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Status Report on Program Approvals March 2009 through March 2010

Information Item

This is an informational report to the members of the Higher Education Coordinating Board on May 13, 2010. It lists programs in each stage of the approval pipeline as of March 31, 2010. It also lists programs and location extensions approved between March 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. No Board action is necessary at this time.

Introduction

From March 2009 through March 2010, the Board voted on 20 resolutions, approving 12 new degree programs and six modifications of existing programs.¹ The new degree programs are designed to serve 528 FTE students at full enrollment, including 391 undergraduate and 137 graduate FTE students. Five of the 12 new degree programs are STEM or STEM-related,² and two are health-related.³ Three feature hybrid delivery with a significant online component.

In addition, staff approved 12 locational extensions of existing programs designed to serve 468-476 FTE students at full enrollment, including 241-249 undergraduate and 227 graduate FTE students. Four of the extensions use distance delivery,⁴ and eight use centers and teaching sites at a total of five different locations.⁵

¹ The modifications, which added 14 degree titles and eliminated 7, which primarily involved conversions of options to degrees or consolidation of multiple degrees into a single degree. Five of the modifications used the Moderate Degree Change proposal process, and one used the traditional full proposal process. The latter, a conversion of 8 UW Bothell B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies options into degrees, required three resolutions.

² These five programs are: B.S. in Electrical Engineering (UW Bothell), B.S. in Information Technology and Systems (UW Tacoma), Master of Geographic Information Systems (UW), Master of Pharmaceutical Bioengineering (UW), and M.S. in Computing and Software Systems (UW Bothell).

³ These two programs are: Bachelor of Paramedicine (UW) and B.A. in Healthcare Leadership (UW Tacoma).

⁴ Three of the distance programs are offered by CWU, and one is offered by WSU.

⁵ The five locations are: Bellevue (one UW Bothell program), Yakima (one CWU program), Pierce County (one CWU program), Vancouver (one WSU program), and the University Center of North Puget Sound (four WWU programs).

Background

The HECB is charged with planning and coordinating academic programs and off-campus facilities, including teaching sites and centers.

In September 2005, the Board adopted the revised *Program and Facility Approval Policies and Procedures*, which clearly define the criteria used to approve programs and off-campus facilities, and offers opportunity for interested parties to provide feedback. In March 2009, the Board approved an additional revision to accommodate programs that evolve and only moderately differ from existing programs.

Under the *Program and Facility Approval Policies and Procedures*, the HECB approves all the following:

- New degree programs developed by public four-year colleges or universities, applied bachelor's degree programs developed by community or technical colleges, and moderate changes to existing programs.
- Creation of off-campus programs by a public four-year college or university.
- Agreements between a community or technical college and one or more regional universities, branch campuses, or state colleges to offer bachelor's degree programs.
- New degree programs and creation of off-campus programs by an independent college or university, in collaboration with a community or technical college.
- Acquisition of off-campus facilities by a public four-year college or university and major off-campus facilities by a community or technical college.
- Creation of higher education centers and consortia.

This document reports activity across all areas of approval authority in the order listed. Within each section and subsection of the report, programs are listed alphabetically by institution and by degree title.

New Degree Programs Developed by Public Four-Year Colleges or Universities, Applied Bachelor's Degree Programs Developed by Community or Technical Colleges, and Moderate Changes to Existing Programs

The HECB approves graduate and baccalaureate degree programs, including applied baccalaureate degree programs.⁶ *RCW 28B.76.230(5)(a) and RCW 28B76.230(5)(f) [HB1794]*

A March 2009 policy revision granted institutions two routes to initiate new baccalaureate and graduate degree programs summarized below.

1. An institution may submit a Planning Notice of Intent (PNOI) for review by HECB staff. Subsequently, staff may grant permission to develop a more comprehensive plan known as a full proposal. This planning authority expires two years from approval. Once institutional planning is complete, the institution submits a full proposal. If the HECB approves the proposal, the institution must enroll students within three years following approval or the approval expires and is rescinded (Sunset).
2. A second route is the Moderate Degree Change Proposal (MDCP), which may be used for eligible programs that have evolved and only moderately differ from existing programs. The MDCP is less comprehensive than a full proposal, and unlike a full proposal, it is not preceded by a PNOI.

Program Planning Notice of Intent (PNOI) Under Review as of 3/31/10

There were no PNOIs under review as of 3/31/10.

Programs with Permission to Develop Full Proposals as of 3/31/10

Eastern Washington University - Bachelor of Arts in Music Informatics

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 5 FTE; Full enrollment (2014-15) 20 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted 2/18/10

Approval expires: 2/18/12

Music Informatics is an area of research, development, and artistic creation made possible by the contemporary expansion of digital representations and computer processing techniques widely known as digital convergence. This program would serve students interested in interdisciplinary study of music, engineering, and computer science, providing them with a combined music and technology degree that presents a practical approach to building a career related to music.

⁶ In 2005, the Legislature took an important step in expanding access to baccalaureate degree programs through the passage of House Bill 1794. The Bill included several provisions aimed at increasing access to baccalaureate degree programs, including a pilot project at the community and technical colleges that would allow up to four institutions to offer a baccalaureate degree program in an applied field. In the 2007-09 budget, the Legislature authorized the development of three additional pilot programs, which the HECB approved at its July 21, 2008 meeting. Also, ESHB 1244 authorized Bellevue College to offer a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Interior Design, which the HECB approved at its July 28, 2009 meeting.

Eastern Washington University - Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics Technology and Management

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 15 FTE; Full enrollment (2012-13) 45 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted 12/18/09 Approval expires: 12/18/11

This program would serve students who wish to work as health care information technology professionals in response to the growing use of electronic health records. It would offer a bachelor's degree designed to meet the accreditation standards for the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), as well as various certificate options to meet the needs of the regional labor force.

University of Washington - Bachelor of Science in Integrated Sciences

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2008-2009) 20 FTE; Full enrollment (2011-2012) 80 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted 8/21/08 Approval expires: 8/21/10

This interdisciplinary program would serve undergraduates interested in teaching careers at the middle and high school level or careers in informal education (e.g. museums and science centers), science writing, technical management, or technology law. It would include a thorough grounding in the foundations of mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, and the earth and space sciences.

University of Washington - Bachelor of Science in Magnetic Resonance Technology

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-10) 15 FTE; Full enrollment (2010-2011) 25 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 12/19/08 Approval expires: 12/19/10

This program would allow students interested in becoming certified as magnetic resonance technologists to complete a training program qualifying them to sit for the magnetic resonance certification exam offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). It is responsive to a 2006 decision by the ARRT to offer primary certification in magnetic resonance technology.

University of Washington - Master of Science in Public Policy and Management

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 3-6 FTE; Full enrollment (2011-2012) 6-12 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 12/30/09 Approval expires: 12/30/11

This M.S. degree would be awarded to students enrolled in the Ph.D. Public Policy and Management program when they have completed their coursework and two exams (i.e., two years of academic work at a normal rate of progress). Only students admitted to the Ph.D. program would be eligible for this degree.

University of Washington – Ph.D. in Hispanic Studies

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 6 FTE; Full enrollment (2018-19) 18 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 1/16/09 Approval expires: 1/16/11

This program would be the first doctoral-level Hispanic studies degree in Washington State. It would feature a strong emphasis on the development of projects that directly involve students with the local Hispanic community and encourage them to discover applications for their research outside academia.

University of Washington – Ph.D. in International Studies

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2011-12) 4 FTE; Full enrollment (2014-15) 16 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 3/16/10 Approval expires: 3/16/12

This program would equip students to use the intellectual and analytical framework of four interdisciplinary fields in international studies to tackle problem-focused research on some of the most pressing global challenges facing academics, practitioners, governments, businesses, and non-governmental organizations today. The four fields are Religions, Cultures, and Civilizations (RCC); Law, Rights, and Governance (LRG); States, Markets, and Societies (SMS); and Peace, Violence, and Security (PVS).

University of Washington Bothell - Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media and Technology

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-10) 50 FTE; Full enrollment (2010-2011) 100 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 9/21/09 Approval expires: 9/21/11

This program would serve students who wish to pursue careers in Game Development, Digital Media, Information Technology, Visual Arts and Communications fields among others. Coursework would cover topics such as game design and development, interactive entertainment, narrative development, user interface and usability, visual design, psychology, and product development and management.

University of Washington Bothell - Bachelor of Science in Climate Science and Policy

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 24 FTE; Full enrollment (2015-2016) 60 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 10/29/09 Approval expires: 10/29/11

This program would serve students who wish to pursue careers or enter graduate school in the climate change field. The program would integrate fundamental courses in the sciences with courses in policy to produce graduates who are ready to tackle one of society's most challenging current issues. The program would build on University of Washington Bothell (UWB) strengths in natural sciences and environmental policy, including faculty research and expertise in climate science and sustainability.

University of Washington Tacoma - Bachelor of Arts in History

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-10) 12 FTE; Full enrollment (2013-2014) 62 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 5/18/09 Approval expires: 5/18/11

This history program would equip students with skills in gathering information from primary and secondary sources, analyzing the information and identifying its most significant aspects, drawing conclusions based on the analysis, and producing well-written narratives and oral presentations relating the contents and results of their work.

University of Washington Tacoma - Bachelor of Arts in Human Rights

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2008-09) 17 FTE; Full enrollment (2013-2014) 54 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 10/3/08 Approval expires: 10/3/10

This interdisciplinary program would be the first in Washington to offer students an undergraduate degree in human rights. It would include coursework in international human rights, political theory of human rights, and international humanitarian law.

University of Washington Tacoma - Bachelor of Arts in Writing Studies

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2008-09) 8 FTE; Full enrollment (2012-2013) 70 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 10/3/08 Approval expires: 10/3/10

This program would prepare students to communicate effectively, think critically and creatively, and demonstrate proficiency with word processing and publishing software on computers. It would feature professional and technical writing components that emphasize writing for industry. Its interdisciplinary approach would differentiate it from discipline-based programs in English offered by University of Washington (UW) and other institutions.

University of Washington Tacoma – Master of Arts in Community and Metropolitan Studies

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 10 FTE; Full enrollment (2012-2013) 30 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 5/18/09 Approval expires: 5/18/11

This program would train students to take a comprehensive approach to the study of metropolitan communities emphasizing the importance of a wide range of social and economic policies and problems affecting cities. The degree title, “Community and Metropolitan Studies” was chosen to emphasize that in the 21st century “urban” conditions cannot be understood in isolation from surrounding suburban, exurban, and even rural politics and society.

Washington State University - Doctor of Nursing Practice

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 16 FTE; Full enrollment (2010-2011) 27 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 10/22/08 Approval expires: 10/22/10

This program would serve post-BSN nurses who seek preparation for roles in advanced practice, education, administration, policy, and research. The program would use Academic Media Services to televise courses and employ video streaming to serve students on multiple campuses and in rural areas. Many courses would be fully or partially Web-based. The program would be available part-time to accommodate nurses who need to continue working while enrolled in graduate school.

Western Washington University – Bachelor of Arts in Education: General Science-Middle Level

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-2011) 5 FTE; Full enrollment (2012-2013) 10 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval to plan granted 12/18/09 Approval expires: 12/18/11

This program would serve students interested in teaching science at middle schools. Completion of this program in conjunction with Western Washington University’s elementary professional program would satisfy the academic requirements for endorsements in elementary education and middle level science.

Programs that Sunset between 3/1/09 and 3/31/10

Washington State University - Master of Science and Ph.D. in Bioengineering

Approval to develop a full proposal expired 1/24/10

Full Proposals Under Review as of 3/31/10

Eastern Washington University – Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 25 FTE; Full enrollment (2013-2014) 70 FTE

HECB Staff Action: currently under review (public comment period ended 4/3/10)

This program would serve students interested in studying mechanical engineering. Although Eastern Washington University currently offers a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology, survey results suggest that most students in that program would prefer a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

University of Washington - Master of Prosthetics-Orthotics

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2011-12) 12 FTE; Full enrollment (2012-2013) 24 FTE

HECB Staff Action: currently under review (public comment period ended 4/17/10)

UW proposes to convert an existing bachelor's degree into a master's degree. The change responds to a requirement from an external accrediting body, the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE). NCOPE requires that all entry-level education programs be at the master's level by 2012. The existing bachelor's degree program is the only one serving the Washington-Alaska-Montana-Idaho (WAMI) region.

University of Washington Bothell - Bachelor of Science in Biology

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 20 FTE; Full enrollment (2014-2015) 50 FTE

HECB Staff Action: currently under review (public comment period ended 4/29/10)

This program would serve as a springboard for students pursuing various graduate degree programs. For example, students with an education in biology can pursue career paths in health and medicine, research, education, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, conservation, sustainability, and related fields. The program would combine theory with hands-on experience and employ integrative, active, problem-based approaches. Undergraduate research would be an essential part of the program.

University of Washington Tacoma - Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Urban Development

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 16 FTE; Full enrollment (2013-2014) 66 FTE

HECB Staff Action: review completed and approval recommended

This interdisciplinary program would draw on courses and faculty from University of Washington Tacoma's (UWT) Urban Studies, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, and Environmental Sciences programs. Most other baccalaureate programs of this type are minors or concentrations within either urban planning or environmental studies, so this program would be the first of its kind in Washington, and perhaps in the U.S. It would provide students with critical and rigorous training designed to help them understand and manage the ecological and social aspects of urban development processes.

Moderate Degree Change Proposals Under Review as of 3/31/10

Central Washington University - Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-11) 16 FTE; Full enrollment (2015-2016) 25 FTE

HECB Staff Action: review completed and approval recommended

Central Washington University (CWU) proposes to convert an Actuarial Science specialization within its Bachelor of Science in Mathematics degree into a stand-alone degree. The change is motivated by CWU's curricular policies concerning specialization, adopted in 2008. Over time, the Actuarial Science specialization had evolved away from the Mathematics major in such a way that it did not satisfy the definition of specialization. As a result, the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee requested that the Department of Mathematics consider converting the specialization to a major.

New Baccalaureate Degree Programs Approved Between 3/1/09 and 3/31/10

Bellevue College – Bachelor of Applied Arts in Interior Design

Approval granted 7/28/09, Resolution 09-08

Central Washington University – Bachelor of Arts in Middle Level Mathematics and Science Teaching

Approval granted 3/10/10, Resolution 10-04

University of Washington – Bachelor of Paramedicine

Approval granted 7/28/09, Resolution 09-09

University of Washington Bothell – Conversion of Eight Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies Options into Degrees:

Bachelor of Arts in American Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Community Psychology

Bachelor of Arts in Culture, Literature, and the Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Society, Ethics, and Human Behavior

Bachelor of Arts in Science, Technology, and Society

Approval granted 9/29/09, Resolutions 09-16, 09-17, and 09-18

University of Washington Bothell – Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Conditional approval granted 7/28/09, Resolution 09-14

University of Washington Tacoma – Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

Approval granted 3/10/10, Resolution 10-06

University of Washington Tacoma – Bachelor of Arts in Healthcare Leadership

Approval granted 5/12/09, Resolution 09-07

University of Washington Tacoma – Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and Systems

Approval granted 7/28/09, Resolution 09-10

**Washington State University – Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training
Moderate Degree Change**

Approval granted 7/28/09, Resolution 09-12

**Washington State University – Bachelor of Science in Economic Sciences
Moderate Degree Change**

Approval granted 7/28/09, Resolution 09-13

**Washington State University – Bachelor of Science in Integrated Plant Sciences
Moderate Degree Change**

Approval granted 11/19/09, Resolution 09-28

Western Washington University – Bachelor of Arts in Education: Language, Literacy, and Cultural Studies

Approval granted 1/29/10, Resolution 10-02

New Master's Degree Programs Approved Between 3/1/09 and 3/31/10

University of Washington – Master of Geographic Information Systems

Approval granted 3/10/10, Resolution 10-05

University of Washington – Master of Pharmaceutical Bioengineering

Approval granted 9/29/09, Resolution 09-20

University of Washington – Master of Science in Information Science

Moderate Degree Change

Approval granted 1/29/10, Resolution 10-01

University of Washington Bothell – Master of Education in Educational Leadership

Approval granted 9/29/09, Resolution 09-19

University of Washington Bothell – Master of Science in Computing and Software Systems

Approval granted 7/28/09, Resolution 09-11

Washington State University – Master of Science in Biological and Agricultural Engineering — Moderate Degree Change (M.S. and Ph.D. included in same proposal)

Approval granted 9/29/09, Resolution 09-21

New Doctoral Degree Programs Approved Between 3/1/09 and 3/31/10

Washington State University – Ph.D. in Biological and Agricultural Engineering Moderate Degree Change (M.S. and Ph.D. included in same proposal)

Approval granted 9/29/09, Resolution 09-21

Creation of Off-Campus Programs by a Public Four-Year College or University

The HECB approves the extension of existing degree programs to new locations or via distance delivery. *RCW 28B.76.230(5)(b)*

Program Extensions under Review as of 3/31/10

University of Washington Tacoma – Master of Business Administration

UAE Academy (in the city of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates)

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-2011) 40 FTE; Full enrollment (2016-2017) 105 FTE

HECB Staff Action: review completed and approval granted 4/6/10

UW Tacoma seeks to extend its Master of Business Administration program by offering it at the UAE Academy in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The program provides experienced professionals and managers with tools for leading organizations responding to the challenges of change. The Abu Dhabi program will be self-supporting, and start-up expenditures and financial risk will be covered by the UW Educational Outreach risk-opportunity pool.

Washington State University – Bachelor of Arts in History

WSU Vancouver

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-2011) 38 FTE; Full enrollment (2013-2014) 85 FTE

HECB Staff Action: review completed with approval granted 4/20/10

WSU seeks approval to extend its Bachelor of Arts in History degree program by offering it at the WSU Vancouver campus. The program serves students interested in learning to think historically, understand human actions over extended periods of time, and understand the impact of major events on human affairs. It helps students understand the origins and development of humanity's ideas, institutions, societies, and cultures.

Washington State University – Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

WSU Vancouver

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-2011) 21 FTE; Full enrollment (2013-2014) 84 FTE

HECB Staff Action: review completed and approval granted 4/20/10

WSU seeks approval to extend its Bachelor of Arts in Sociology degree program by offering it at the WSU Vancouver campus. The program serves students interested in understanding what makes people and groups of people behave the way they do. It covers a wide range of issues, including inequality, human ecology, deviance, religion, medicine, and politics.

Washington State University – Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Olympic College and Yakima Valley Community College (hybrid delivery)

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-2011) 15 FTE (all at Olympic College); Full enrollment (2013-2014) 50 FTE (40 FTE at Olympic College and 10 FTE at Yakima Valley Community College)

HECB Staff Action: review completed and approval granted for extension to Olympic College only.

WSU seeks approval to extend its Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering program by offering it at Olympic College and Yakima Valley Community College. The program serves students interested in studying mechanical engineering. WSU plans to extend its existing ABET accreditation in Mechanical Engineering to the new locations.

Program Extensions Approved Between 3/1/09 and 3/31/10

Central Washington University - Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Technology and Administrative Management

Distance delivery (online)

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 20 FTE; Full enrollment (2012-2013) 80 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 8/28/09

CWU received approval to extend its Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Technology and Administrative Management degree program by delivering it online. The program serves students needing a mix of technical and management skills. It provides a baccalaureate pathway for place-bound students with a technical or applied associate's degree.

Central Washington University – Bachelor of Arts in Education - Early Childhood Education

Yakima (hybrid delivery)

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 10 FTE; Full enrollment (2011-2012) 20 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 9/8/09

CWU received approval to extend its Bachelor of Arts in Education - Early Childhood Education degree program by offering it at the university center in Yakima. The program serves students who want to become birth – preschool educators. Students complete their associate degrees from regional community colleges and then enroll in the program.

Central Washington University – Bachelor of Science in Social Services

Pierce County (hybrid delivery)

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 15 FTE; Full enrollment (2011-2012) 45 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 6/25/09

CWU received approval to extend its Bachelor of Science in Social Services program by offering it at the university center in Pierce County. The program serves students interested in working in human services delivery systems. It provides students with a strong grounding in sociology and the applied field of social services.

Central Washington University – Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Distance delivery (Blackboard)

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 7 FTE; Full enrollment (2013-2014) 20 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 8/7/09

CWU received approval to extend its Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences degree program by offering it online via Blackboard. The program serves place-bound students interested in becoming trained professionals who work with individuals and families to promote well-being and positive interactions. It also serves those who want to teach family and consumer sciences in K-12 schools.

Central Washington University – Master of Science in Health and Physical Education (Athletic Administration Specialization)

Distance delivery (online plus two intensive two-week summer face-to-face sessions)

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 15 FTE; Full enrollment (achieved in Year One)

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 6/25/09

CWU received approval to extend its Master of Science in Health and Physical Education (Athletic Administration Specialization) program by offering it primarily online. The program serves students seeking the information and skills relevant for careers as athletic directors, primarily in public K-12 school settings, but potentially in collegiate athletic administration as well. Students who enroll in this program typically are employed already as teachers, coaches, or athletic administrators.

University of Washington Bothell – Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Bellevue

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2010-2011) 27 FTE; Full enrollment (2012-2013) 80 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 7/15/09

UWB received approval to extend its Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree program by offering it at a teaching site in Bellevue. The program serves students interested in building knowledge of the principles and techniques of sound business practice. It helps them build skills in leadership, management, teamwork, and effective oral and written communication.

Washington State University – Master of Accounting

WSU Vancouver

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 11 FTE; Full enrollment (2013-2014) 30 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 6/10/09

WSU received approval to extend its Master of Accounting degree program by offering it at the WSU Vancouver campus. The program serves students interested in pursuing accounting careers, including students seeking a graduate degree pathway to help them meet the credit hour requirements for CPA examination eligibility.

Washington State University – Master of Business Administration

Distance delivery (online) Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 20 FTE; Full enrollment (2012-2013) 100 FTE HECB Staff Action: approval granted 6/5/09

WSU received approval to extend its Master of Business Administration degree program by offering it online. The program serves students interested in pursuing graduate management education.

Western Washington University – Bachelor of Arts in Planning and Policy

University Center of North Puget Sound at Everett Community College

Anticipated enrollment (including FTE for B.S. in Environmental Science): Year One (2009-2010) 5-10 FTE; Full enrollment (2011-2012) 16-24 FTE HECB Staff Action: approval granted 4/22/09

WWU received approval to extend its Bachelor of Arts in Planning and Policy degree program by offering it at the University Center of North Puget Sound. The program serves students who want to enter fields concerned with sustainability of the human and natural environment. WWU included both the B.A. in Planning and Policy and the B.S. in Environmental Science extensions into a single proposal with combined enrollment statistics.

Western Washington University – Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

University Center of North Puget Sound at Everett Community College

Anticipated enrollment (included in FTE for B.A. in Planning and Policy above)

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 4/22/09

WWU received approval to extend its Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science degree program by offering it at the University Center of North Puget Sound. The program serves students desiring to gain knowledge of how natural systems work - and the skills to solve environmental problems.

Western Washington University – Master in Teaching: Secondary Education

University Center of North Puget Sound at Everett Community College

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 15 FTE; Full enrollment (2010-2011) 30 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 4/22/09

WWU received approval to extend its Master in Teaching: Secondary Education degree program by offering it at the University Center of North Puget Sound. The program serves students who hold a bachelor's degree in an endorsable subject area and wish to earn Washington State teacher certification to teach at middle and/or high schools. In the proposal, WWU notified HECB that it would cease offering the same program at North Seattle Community College.

Western Washington University – Master of Business Administration

University Center of North Puget Sound at Everett Community College

Anticipated enrollment: Year One (2009-2010) 8 FTE; Full enrollment (2018-2019) 32 FTE

HECB Staff Action: approval granted 6/3/09

WWU received approval to extend its Master of Business Administration degree program by offering it at the University Center of North Puget Sound. The program serves active managers and professionals wishing to advance in leadership positions.

Agreements Between a Community or Technical College and One or More Regional Universities, Branch Campuses, or State Colleges to Offer Bachelor's Degree Programs

The HECB approves agreements between community or technical colleges and regional universities, state colleges, or branch campuses to offer baccalaureate degree programs. *RCW 28B.50 (HB 1794 Section 12)*

CWU has entered into an agreement with Pierce College Fort Steilacoom to provide instruction for its Interdisciplinary Studies – Social Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Social Services degree programs in Pierce County.

New Degree Programs and Creation of Off-campus Programs by an Independent College or University, in Collaboration with a Community or Technical College

The HECB approves new degree programs and creation of off-campus programs by an independent college/university in collaboration with a community or technical college. *RCW 28B.76.230(5)(e)*

There was no activity between 3/1/09 and 3/31/10.

Acquisition of Off-Campus Facilities by a Public Four-year College or University and Major Off-campus Facilities by a Community or Technical College

The HECB approves new off-campus instructional facilities within the following categories: teaching site, center, system campus, or new four-year institution. The HECB approves the acquisition of major off-campus instructional facilities (those in excess of 6,000 square feet and/or with an annual lease cost in excess of \$60,000 and/or those with unimproved property of one-half acres or more). *RCW 28B.76.230(5)(b)(c)(d)*

University of Washington Tacoma plans to start a new teaching site in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, as part of its Master of Business Administration program extension (see Program Extensions under Review as of 3/31/10 section above). Also, Washington State University plans to start a new teaching site at Olympic College, as part of its Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering extension.

Creation of Higher Education Centers and Consortia

The HECB approves new off-campus instructional facilities whether through lease arrangement or purchase within the following categories: teaching site, center, system campus, or new four-year institution. *RCW 28B.76.230(5)(b)(c)(d)*

There was no activity between 3/1/09 and 3/31/10

Miscellaneous Notifications Received from Institutions between 3/1/09 and 3/31/10

The HECB received and acknowledged routine notifications from institutions regarding things such as changes in degree titles, changes in address for teaching sites, and changes to certificate programs.⁷

⁷ The HECB only reviews certificate programs of a depth and/or length that approach or exceed the requirements of an undergraduate major or a master's degree. The HECB's *Program and Facility Approval Policies and Procedures* require notification, rather than review for additions, deletions, and modifications of less extensive certificate programs.