

March 2008

Status Report on Program Approvals

HECB Information Item

This is an informational report to the members of the Higher Education Coordinating Board at its March 19, 2008 meeting. No Board action is necessary at this time.

Background

The Higher Education Coordinating Board is charged with planning and coordinating academic programs and off-campus facilities, including teaching sites and centers.

In September 2005, the Board adopted revised policies and procedures contained in the *Program and Facility Approval Policies and Procedures*. The revised policies and procedures clearly define the criteria used to approve programs and off-campus facilities and offer ample opportunity for interested parties to provide feedback on program proposals.

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

- New degree programs by any public four-year college or university.
- Applied bachelor's degree programs developed by a community or technical college.
- Creation of any 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.
- Purchase or lease of major off-campus facilities by a public four-year college or university or a community or technical college.
- Creation of higher education centers and consortia.

January 2007 through February 2008**New degree programs by any public four-year college or university**

The HECB approves initial plans for new baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. Planning authority expires two years from approval. Once institutional planning is complete, the HECB approves new baccalaureate and graduate degree program proposals. The institution must enroll students within three years following approval or approval is rescinded. *RCW 28B.76.230(5)(a)*

Program Planning Notification of Intent (PNOI) - currently under review**CWU Bachelor of Arts in Middle Level Mathematics & Science Teaching**

Comment period closed

EWU Master of Arts in Teaching K-9 Mathematics

Comment period closed

EWU Master of Science in Dental Hygiene

Comment period closed

UW Bachelor of Clinical Paramedicine

Comment period closed

Programs granted permission to develop full proposals**CWU Bachelor of Arts in General Science Teaching**

Edmonds Community College – Lynnwood Center

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 15 FTE; Full (2009-10) 25 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted 7/24/07 Sunset: 7/24/09

Central Washington University proposes to offer a Bachelor of Arts in General Science Teaching program at its Center in Lynnwood. The program would be offered via classroom instruction at the center in response to student and employer demand. The Educator Supply and Demand survey indicates shortages of qualified science teachers in the local school districts. Surveys also indicate interest among students studying science at Edmonds Community College.

CWU Bachelor of Science in Global Wine Studies

Ellensburg Campus

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 5 FTE; Full (2012-13) 45 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted 11/19/07 Sunset: 11/19/09

Central Washington University proposes to offer a Bachelor of Science degree program in Global Wine Studies. The program would be offered at the CWU main campus in Ellensburg. The program would build on existing minor and certificate programs and would provide students with a broad understanding of the global wine trade with an emphasis on business and economic development aspects of the industry including international trade, marketing, and hospitality.

CWU Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts

Ellensburg Campus

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 20 FTE; Full (2013-14) 96 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted 1/28/08 Sunset: 1/28/10

Central Washington University proposes to offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts degree program. The program would be offered at Ellensburg and would provide students with opportunities to obtain specialized training in performance, technical design, or musical theatre.

CWU Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences

Ellensburg Campus

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 7 FTE; Full (2014-15) 30 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted 2/12/08 Sunset: 2/12/10

Central Washington University proposes to offer Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences degree program at its Ellensburg campus. The program would build on an existing Environmental Studies minor and would prepare environmental specialists trained to address complex environmental issues such as water availability, water quality, alternative energy sources, loss of habitat, and natural hazards that face Washington State, the Pacific Northwest, and our increasingly interconnected global society.

EWU Bachelor of Arts in Technical Communication

Cheney Campus

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 8 FTE; Full (2012-13) 40 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted 1/24/08 Sunset: 1/24/10

Eastern Washington University proposes to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Technical Communication degree program. The program would be offered at the Cheney campus and would provide students with a broad range of skills needed for working as a technical writer within a small business environment.

UW Master of Science and Ph.D. in Biology

Seattle Campus

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 100 FTE; Full (2010-11) 150 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted

The University of Washington seeks to offer Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Biology that would consolidate and replace the existing Master of Science and Ph.D. programs in both Botany and Zoology. The proposed programs would provide students with interdisciplinary training in research and teaching in the basic biological sciences to prepare them for academic, government or industry careers.

UW Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry

Seattle Campus

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 20 FTE; Full (2010-11) 60 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted

The University of Washington seeks to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry degree that would provide students with an alternative to the existing Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry degree. The proposed program would not only provide students with a fundamental background in biochemistry, but also with the opportunity to expand their educational focus to other related areas of interest, such as related sciences, history and public policy. It would prepare students for graduate or professional studies in fields such as law, public policy, medicine or dentistry; or for various related occupations.

UW Bachelor of Arts in Community, Leadership and Social Justice

Seattle Campus

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 20 FTE; Full (2009-10) 40 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted

The University of Washington seeks to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Community, Leadership, and Social Justice degree that would provide an alternative to the School of Social Work's existing Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare (BASW) degree to students interested in interdisciplinary study and scholarship without the BASW program's formal, professional practitioner-oriented fieldwork requirement. The program would prepare students for employment in community work, advocacy, or administration; or for graduate studies in social work and other disciplines, such as education or public affairs.

WSU Master of Science and Ph.D. in Bioengineering

Pullman Campus

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 3 FTE; Full (2012-13) 5 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval to plan granted 1/24/08 Sunset: 1/24/10

Washington State University proposes to offer a Master of Science and Ph.D. program in Bioengineering. The program would be offered at the Pullman Campus. The program would prepare students to integrate biological research with technical expertise and quantitative engineering analysis, and would provide them with skills to work in industries such as the biotechnology industry or the medical device industry.

Full proposals currently under review**EWU Bachelor of Arts in Technical Communication**

Comment period closed

UW Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry

Comment period closed

UW Bachelor of Arts in Community, Leadership and Social Justice

Comment period closed

UW Master of Science and Ph.D. in Biology

Comment period closed

Programs previously approved for planning that have neither submitted full program proposals nor sunset

CWU Master of Science in Nutrition

Approval to plan granted: 9/26/06

Sunset Date: 9/26/08

The proposed program would move the existing specialization in Nutrition under the MS in Family and Consumer sciences to an MS in Nutrition. The program would enroll 4 FTE students in the first year and grow to 6 FTE at full enrollment in the third year.

UW Master of Arts in Clinical Health Services

Approval to plan granted: 12/05/06

Sunset Date: 12/05/08

MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant program received permission to develop a proposal to convert the current certificate and bachelor's degree Physician Assistant program to a fully graduate-level master's degree-granting program. The program would serve 80 FTE in the first year and also at full capacity.

WSU Master of Liberal Studies

Approval to plan granted: 6/28/06

Sunset Date: 6/28/08

Washington State University received permission to develop a program to offer a Master's degree in Liberal Studies. The program would be offered through a combination of classroom-based instruction and online delivery. The program would enroll 7.5 FTE in the first year and grow to 37.5 FTE at full enrollment in the fifth year.

Programs that have sunset without submitting full proposals

UNIVERSITY

LOCATION

Central Washington University

B.S. Geography

Ellensburg

M.A. Visual Arts: Teaching

Ellensburg

University of Washington

B.A. Geographic Info. Systems & Cartography

Tacoma

B.A. Urban and Regional Planning

Tacoma

M.A. Rehabilitation Counseling

Seattle

M.A. Computational Molecular Biology

Seattle

M.S. Medical Education and Informatics

Seattle

Doctor of Library and Information Management

Seattle

Ph.D. Computational Molecular Biology

Seattle

Washington State University

B.A. Linguistics

Pullman

Approved new baccalaureate degree programs

UW Bothell: Bachelor of Arts in Applied Computing

Degree approved 7/26/07, Resolution 07-14

UW Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies

Degree approved 7/26/07, Resolution 07-13

UW Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood and Family Studies

Approval to plan granted: 3/20/07

Degree Approved: 12/13/07, Resolution 07-21

Anticipated Start Date: Winter 2008;

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 15 FTE; Full (2011-12) 81 FTE

Approved new graduate degree programs

Master's

TESC Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Approved to Plan: 3/30/07

Degree approved: 1/25/08; Resolution 08-01

Anticipated Start Date: Summer 2008;

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 26.7 FTE; Full (2008-09) 26.7 FTE

UW Master of Science in Business Administration

Degree approved 12/13/07, Resolution 07-22

UW Executive Master of Public Administration

Degree approved 10/25/07, Resolution 07-20

UW Master of Science in Biomedical Regulatory Affairs

Degree approved 5/24/07, Resolution 07-07

UWT Master of Education with Teacher Certification

Degree approved 3/22/07, Resolution 07-05

WWU Master of Professional Accounting

Degree Approved 5/24/07, Resolution 07-08

Ph.D.

WSU Ph.D. in Nursing

Degree approved 5/24/07, Resolution 07-10

UW Ph.D. in Earth and Space Science

Degree approved 7/26/07, Resolution 07-12

Applied bachelor's degree programs developed by a community or technical college

The HECB approves applied baccalaureate degree programs offered by Washington community and technical colleges. *RCW 28B76.230(5)(f) (HB1794)*

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 two additional pilot programs. The SBCTC is currently in the process of selecting those pilot schools, which would come before the HECB for review and approval at the June 2008 meeting.

Program Planning Notification of Intent (PNOI) – currently under review**LWTC Bachelor of Applied Technology in Applied Design**

Status: Comment Period closed

SCCC Bachelor of Applied Behavioral Science

Status: Comment Period closed

CBC Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management & Entrepreneurship

Status: Comment Period closed

Creation of any 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)*

Location Notification of Intent (LNOI) – currently under review**WSU in Spokane**

Master in Teaching

Master of Education

Master of Arts in Education

Status: Comment period closed

EWU Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Bellevue Community College

Status: Comment period closed

EWU Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at North Seattle Community College

Status: Comment period open

Program extensions approved**UW Bothell RN-BSN Completion Program**

Mount Vernon

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2007-08) 8 FTE; Full (2007-08) 8 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval of program extension granted 3/19/07

University of Washington, Bothell proposes to extend its existing RN-BSN degree completion program to Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon via a combination of distance learning and classroom instruction. The program would enroll approximately 24 students (8 FTE) in a two-year part-time degree completion program. Students would be admitted on a cohort bases in odd numbered years.

EWU Master of Social Work

Tri-Cities – section of Yakima cohort April 2007

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2006-07) 9.6 FTE; Full (2009-10) 12 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval of program extension granted 3/30/07

Eastern Washington University proposes to offer a section of the MSW program originally scheduled to be offered in Yakima at the Columbia Basin College campus in Pasco, Washington. The program is being offered at that site in response to student demand, since 18 of the 52 students admitted to the MSW program reside in the Tri-Cities area. In addition, there is a demonstrated need in the region and the state for human service workers. The EWU program offers a cohort based three year, part-time program that prepares students primarily in rural, regional and small urban centers that are either un-served or underserved by professional social work programs.

WSU – Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Sciences

Spokane, Riverpoint Campus - In cooperation with EWU

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2007-08) 18 FTE; Full (2010-11) 44 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval of program extension granted 11/19/2007

Washington State University proposes to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Sciences at the Spokane Riverpoint Campus. This pre-professional degree is currently offered at the Pullman campus and has enjoyed significant enrollment growth over the past few years. The program at the Spokane Riverpoint Campus would be offered in conjunction with Eastern Washington University's Communication Disorders undergraduate degree. Employment outlook is strong for graduates of the program. In addition, graduates would be prepared for a range of graduate opportunities.

UW: M.D. (First Year) and D.D.S. (First Year)

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2008-09) 20 FTE MD and 8 FTE DDS;

Full (2008-09) 20 FTE MD and 8 FTE DDS

HECB Staff Action: Approval of program extension granted 12/31/2007

The University of Washington, in collaboration with Washington State University and Eastern Washington University, proposes to expand access to the first year of its medical and dental programs to the Riverpoint campus in Spokane. The Location Notice of Intent indicates strong student, employer, and community demand for the program. The expansion would greatly improve outreach to the area and provide opportunities for more students in the five state region to begin their medical or dental training closer to rural communities. The program represents an overall expansion of medical and dental training opportunities in Washington, and high demand funding has been provided in the current state budget for the program.

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 a regional university, state college or branch campus to offer baccalaureate degree programs. *RCW 28B.50 (HB 1794 Section 12)*

Agreements approved

CTC / Baccalaureate Contract

Bachelor of Applied Science in Food Service Management Edmonds CTC and CWU

Anticipated FTE: Year One 15 FTE; Year Two 25 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval of the Contract 7/24/07

CWU has entered into an agreement with Edmonds Community College to deliver its food service management degree program at the Lynnwood Center.

CTC / Baccalaureate Contract

Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Technology and Administrative Management at Everett Community College

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2006-07) 8 FTE; Full (2008-09) 25 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval of the Contract 7/24/07

CWU has entered into an agreement with Everett Community college to deliver its Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Technology and Administrative Management at Everett Community College.

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)

Agreements approved

CTC / Independent University Contract

Teacher Residency Certification at Centralia College

Anticipated FTE: Year One (2007-08) 40 FTE; Full (2010-11) 80 FTE

HECB Staff Action: Approval of the memorandum of understanding 1/15/08.

Centralia College and Saint Martin's University have drafted a memorandum of understanding to collaboratively deliver a Teacher Residency Certification program at Centralia College, which would offer students the following options: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education (2 + 2 model); residency certification; endorsements in elementary education, mathematics, science, middle level mathematics/science, or middle level humanities.

Other

Western Washington University: M.Ed. in Education Administration

Moved from Shoreline Conference Center to WWU's Seattle Center