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## **Status Report on Program Approvals**

### **HECB Information Item**

This is an informational report to the members of the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) at its February 22, 2007 meeting. No board action is necessary at this time.

### **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 revised policies and procedures contained in *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.
- Creation of any off-campus programs by a public four-year college or university.
- 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.
- New degree programs and creation of off-campus programs by an independent college or university, in collaboration with a community or technical college.
- Applied bachelor's degree programs developed by a community or technical college.
- 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 *Program and Facility Approval Policies and Procedures* authorize the HECB executive director to approve proposals by public four-year institutions to plan new programs or extend existing degree programs to an off-campus location. The process requires an institution to submit a "notification of intent" (NOI) to the HECB, providing basic information about the program and detailing the need and cost of delivering the program.

HECB staff post the information on the HECB Web site within five business days after receiving the proposal and notify the provosts of the other public four-year institutions, the Independent Colleges of Washington, the Council of Presidents, and the four-year universities' Committee on Academic Program Planning. Interested parties have 30 days to review and comment, and if there are no objections, the HECB executive director will approve the proposal.

## **New Degree Programs Approved in 2006**

### **Section A-5; A-8**

The HECB approves new baccalaureate and graduate degree programs offered by a Washington public college or university. *RCW 28B.76.230 (5)*

The HECB approves applied baccalaureate degree programs offered by Washington community and technical colleges. *RCW 28B376.230 (5)*

Central Washington University: BA in Film and Video Studies  
(Approved 9-27-06, Resolution 06-25)

Eastern Washington University: BA in Women's and Gender Studies  
(Approved 2-23-06, Resolution 06-05)

Eastern Washington University: BFA in Graphic Design  
(Approved 9-26-06, Resolution 06-25)

University of Washington: Ph.D. in Public Policy and Management  
(Approved 3-30-06, Resolution 06-07)

University of Washington: Doctor of Nursing Practice  
(Approved 5-25-06, Resolution 06-14)

University of Washington: Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science  
(Approved 7-27-06, Resolution 06-15)

University of Washington: MS in Real Estate  
(Approved 7-27-06, Resolution 06-16)

University of Washington, Bothell: MA in Culture Studies  
(Approved 1-26-06, Resolution 06-01)

University of Washington, Tacoma: BA in Computing and Software Systems  
(Approved 1-26-06, Resolution 06-02)

University of Washington, Tacoma: BS in Computer Engineering & Systems  
(Approved 12-14-06, Resolution 06-37)

Washington State University: BS in Agricultural and Food Systems  
(Approved 5-25-06, Resolution 06-09)

Western Washington University: BA in Japanese  
(Approved 9-27-06, Resolution 06-24)

Olympic College: BS in Nursing  
(Approved 7-27-06, Resolution 06-17)

South Seattle Community College: BAS in Hospitality Management  
(Approved 7-27-06, Resolution: 06-18)

Bellevue Community College: BAS in Radiation and Imaging Science  
(Approved 7-27-06, Resolution 06-20)

Peninsula College: BAS in Applied Management  
(Approved 7-27-06, Resolution 06-19)

## **Program Extensions and Contract Programs Sections A-6, A-9**

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

The HECB approves agreements as authorized under HB1794 Section 12 between a community or technical college and a regional university, state college, or branch campus to offer baccalaureate degrees. *RCW 28B.50.820*

### **WWU: Elementary Education Teacher Certification (Approved 8-4-06)**

Western Washington University received approval to extend its elementary education teacher certification with a major in special education (BAE) program to teaching sites in Bremerton, Everett, Oak Harbor, and Seattle. The program will replace the existing baccalaureate teaching certificate programs at these locations.

Projected enrollment in the first year is 80 FTE, roughly the size of the current cohort of students enrolled in teaching programs at these locations. The program will grow to 240 FTE at full enrollment.

### **CWU: Bachelors in Psychology (Approved 8-4-06)**

Central Washington University has received approval to extend its existing Bachelor of Arts in Psychology to students throughout the greater Puget Sound region through delivery at centers in Des Moines and Lynnwood and through the Pierce County teaching site. CWU has previously offered the minor at these sites, with increasing numbers of students completing the minor and

expressing interest in a major. The program will serve 15 FTE in the first year, and in the third year will reach full enrollment with 45 FTE.

**EWU: BA in Social Work at Clark College (Approved 9-15-06)**

Eastern Washington University will offer the BA in Social Work with minors in Alcohol and Drug Studies and Aging Studies. The BASW will be offered as a three-year, part-time program enrolling a cohort of 22 students beginning in winter 2007.

**CWU: BAS in Information Technology and Administrative Management at Edmonds CC (Approved 9-15-06)**

CWU is currently authorized to offer the BAS in ITAM at its Lynnwood Center on the Edmonds Community College campus. The contract funding would support the implementation of the program on that site. Under the terms of the agreement, CWU will enroll 50 FTE students in the first year and 100 FTE students in the second year.

**CWU: BA in Education – Elementary Education at Pierce College (Approved 9-15-06)**

CWU has been approved to make their existing BA in Education program available to students on the Pierce College campus through a combination of traditional classroom instruction, distance learning, and interactive television. Under the terms of the agreement, beginning fall 2006, CWU will enroll 30 FTE students in the first year and 60 FTE students in the second year.

**Other Program Changes  
Sections A-11, 12, 13**

**CWU: Bachelor of Science in General Studies Program at Yakima (Approved 8-4-06)**

The program had been scheduled to sunset; however, with the award of high-demand funds, the program began enrolling students in fall 2006.

**CWU: Bachelor of Science Electronic Engineering Technology (Approved 8-4-06)**

CWU relocated the Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering Technology from the Pierce County teaching site to the Des Moines Center. Effective August 4, 2006, the HECB granted approval of this program delivery location change.

**EWU - Spokane Riverpoint: BA in Communication Disorders (Approved 2-13-06)**

EWU received approval to move the undergraduate program in communication disorders to the Spokane Riverpoint Campus.

**WWU: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Certificate**

A 27-credit certificate that meets the needs of the Washington State ESL endorsement will continue at the Bellingham campus and the Everett teaching site, using a combination of classroom-based and distance education. *No approval required*

**WWU: Emergency Management Certificate**

A 24-credit certificate offered online to prepare students to pursue a career in emergency management or advance within the field. *No approval required*

**Programs Granted Permission to Develop  
Section A-4**

The HECB approves initial plans for new baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. Planning authority expires two years from approval. *RCW 28B.76.230 (5)(a)*

**CWU: MS in Nutrition**

Approved: 9-26-06, Sunset Date: 9-26-08

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

**UW: Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies**

Approved: 6-28-06, Sunset Date: 6-28-08

The University of Washington received permission to develop a proposal to offer a Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies. The program will prepare students for work in state and federal agencies and tribes, and for graduate study in a variety of fields. The program will enroll 5 FTE students in the first year and grow to 20 FTE by the fifth year.

**UW: MA of Clinical Health Services**

Approved: 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 PA program to a fully graduate-level master's degree-granting program. The program will serve 80 FTE (full capacity) in the first year.

**UWB: Bachelor of Arts in Applied Computing**

Approved: 8-04-06, Sunset Date: 8-04-08

UW Bothell has received permission to develop a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Computing. The program will prepare students for careers that rely on advanced information systems. The program will enroll 20 FTE students in the first year and grow to 80 FTE by the fourth year. The program will build on the existing Bachelor of Science in Computing and Software Systems.

**WSU: Master of Liberal Studies**

Approved: 6-28-06, Sunset Date: 6-28-08

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

**WWU: Masters in Professional Accounting**

Approved: 3-15-06, Sunset Date: 3-15-08

WWU received permission to develop a program to offer a Master's in Professional Accounting. The 45-credit master's degree will prepare students for the C.P.A. exam. The program will enroll 15 FTE students in the first year and grow to 25 FTE at full enrollment.

**The following programs received Permission to Develop prior to 2006 and are scheduled to sunset by 12/31/07.**

**UNIVERSITY**

**LOCATION**

**Central Washington University**

BS Geography

Ellensburg

MA Visual Arts: Teaching

Ellensburg

**University of Washington**

BA Geographic Information Systems & Cartography

Tacoma

BA Community, Leadership & Social Justice

Seattle

BA Urban and Regional Planning

Tacoma

MA Rehabilitation Counseling

Seattle

MEd in Education (Currently under review)

Tacoma

MA Computational Molecular Biology

Seattle

MS Medical Education and Informatics

Seattle

Ph.D. Library and Information Management

Seattle

Ph.D. Computational Molecular Biology

Seattle

**Washington State University**

BA Linguistics

Pullman

Ph.D. Health Policy & Administration

Pullman, Spokane

Ph.D. Nursing

Spokane, Distance Education

**Western Washington University**

MS Marine and Estuarine Science

Bellingham

**Program Additions and Changes Currently Under Review**

**New Degree Program Proposals**

University of Washington, Tacoma MEd in Education

(Comment period ends February 20, 2007)

**Program Planning Notifications of Intent (PNOI)**

University of Washington MS in Biomedical Regulatory Affairs  
(Comment period ends January 22, 2007)

University of Washington BA in Early Childhood and Family Studies  
(Comment period ends January 22, 2007)

**Location Notification of Intent (LNOI)**

University of Washington, Bothell - Location NOI – BSN  
(Comment period: January 8-February 8, 2007)