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Agenda Item 6.2

Wright State University, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the Wright State University Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Organizational Leadership is approved. The B.S. in Organizational Leadership may be offered at the Lake Campus regional site of Wright State University on a site and time specific basis, until June 2003.

BACKGROUND

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership

Wright State University seeks approval for a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership. The B.S. in Organizational Leadership is focused on providing a broad academic background and applied experiences for administrative careers that require competency in the administration of human, physical, and financial resources. It is specifically targeted at students who have already completed an associate degree (or its equivalent) in a specific technical field and require additional study in order to advance to administrative/managerial level work in the field. The degree combines oral and written communication skills with the study of leadership theory and practice. In addition, students will become technology literate and will acquire basic business skills in accounting, economics, marketing, organizational behavior and problem solving techniques. Two capstone courses allow students to integrate their understanding of organizational leadership by completing a leadership skill project. The proposed undergraduate degree is structured to meet the needs of working adults and to provide students who have earned an associate degree, or its equivalent, the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree.

The proposed B.S. in Organizational Leadership is designed as an interdisciplinary program between the Colleges of Education and Human Services, Business and Administration and Liberal Arts. The program will be administratively housed within the Department of Educational Leadership in the College of Education and Human Services. During its initial year of offering, the program will be introduced at the Wright State University – Lake Campus with an anticipated enrollment of 30 students. Beginning in the second year, the program will be offered at the Main Campus of Wright State University with an anticipated additional enrollment of 50 students. Ten faculty members are in place to teach the academic program courses. All but two faculty members are from the Main Campus.

The proposed B.S. in Organizational Leadership was developed following collaborative discussions with area community colleges interested in the possibility of a baccalaureate completion degree for graduates seeking education for career advancement beyond the level provided via the technical degree. In addition to an associates degree, or its equivalent (70 quarter hours), the proposed baccalaureate degree requires 57 quarter credits in general education, 17-19 credits in skill building, and 48 credits in organizational leadership.

The proposal for a B.S. in Organizational Leadership will require some additional faculty resources at the main and regional campus (one new faculty member at the Lake Campus, two at WSU Main Campus).

