BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Ohio Dominican University

RECOMMENDATION

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Profile: Ohio Dominican University, located in Columbus, Ohio, is an independent, non-profit institution affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Originally established in 1911 as the College of St. Mary of the Springs (for women), the university today serves over 3,000 students, guided by the Dominican motto “to contemplate truth and to share with others the fruits of this contemplation.”

Accreditation/Authorization: Ohio Dominican University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for a number of its professional programs. The university has been authorized by the Chancellor since April 1969.

Program Offerings: Ohio Dominican University offers the following degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Arts in Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, and Master of Science in Management. In addition, the university offers five business degrees through its Learning Enhanced Adult Degree (LEAD) Program, professional development for teachers, and several licensure areas within its education preparation programs.

Institutional Changes: Since the university’s last reauthorization review, the institution has had a change in the presidency, expanded its program offerings to new delivery formats and off-site locations, and expanded/eliminated program offerings to better align resources with student, community, and industry needs.

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End of Comment Period: June 2, 2009
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED:

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Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor  
Date  6/26/09