NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM APPROVAL
OVERVIEW
For Degree Programs & Separately Reported Majors
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I. Department notifies VCAA of the intention to develop a new program. Department prepares a pre-proposal for submission to VCAA via Dean. Instructions for preparing the pre-proposal are available from the Office of Academic Affairs. If the proposed program is in a Purdue academic mission area, the VCAA will forward the pre-proposal to the Dean of the Purdue Graduate School (for graduate programs) for consideration and endorsement. If the proposed program is in an Indiana academic mission area, the authority to consider and approve the pre-proposal rests with the VCAA.

II. Department prepares DRAFT proposal according to ICHE guidelines, which are available on-line from the VCAA’s office, and forwards the draft to the VCAA via the Dean for comments. At this time, units whose resources may be affected by the proposed program (e.g. library, ITS, etc.) should be consulted. Units must contact their program librarian and complete the librarian questionnaire.

III. Department prepares and approves final proposal using ICHE forms and transmits it to the school/college.

IV. School/college considers proposal through their procedures. If the school/college approval process involves consultation across campuses, Dean completes this process before recommending approval. Dean recommends proposal to the VCAA and confirms all previous approvals.

V. If not completed earlier in the process or if statistics have become obsolete, VCAA requests completion of enrollment and budget projections. Enrollment projections are developed by VCAA’s office in cooperation with department. Budget projections are developed by IPFW Comptroller’s office in cooperation with Purdue Fiscal Planning.

VI. VCAA sends proposal to IPFW Graduate Subcommittee (for graduate programs) for review. Upon receipt of a proposal, the OAA, on behalf of the Subcommittee, will distribute the proposal for remonstrance to all IPFW deans, division directors, and department chairs for comment. The appropriate committee will discuss the proposal after reviewing the comments. If favorably reviewed, the subcommittee will advise the Senate that its review is not required. If not, the subcommittee will discuss its reservations and recommendations with the proposer.

VII. VCAA reviews proposal with Chancellor.

VIII. If the proposal is in an IU mission area, the VCAA contacts IU Associate Vice President for Administration with budget and enrollment predictions before entering it into the APPEAR system which transmits the proposal to the IU Academic Leadership Council for approval. Approval will be followed by IU Board of Trustees consideration.

IX. If the proposed program is in a Purdue academic mission area, the VCAA forwards the proposal to the Purdue Graduate School (for graduate programs). Approval will be followed by Purdue Board of Trustees consideration.

X. Following approval(s) by the Board(s) of Trustees, the President’s office of the university responsible for that academic mission area transmits the proposal to ICHE.