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Indiana Commission for Higher Education Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Call to Order – 8:45 A.M. ET

Indiana Statehouse

Senate Chamber

200 W Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

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The next meeting of the Commission will be on **November 14, 2024, in West Lafayette, Indiana.**

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 9:03 a.m. ET at Indiana University, 900 E. 7th Street, Bloomington, Indiana 47405.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Dennis Bland, Kathy Cabello, Jud Fisher, Samantha Fleischaker, Larry Garatoni, Bill Hanna, Nancy Jordan, Molly Kitchell, Kent Kramer, Chad Lochmiller, Pepper Mulherin, Dan Peterson, and Tom Saunders

Members Absent: Mike Alley

CHAIR'S REPORT

Good morning, everyone. Welcome to Bloomington. It is my pleasure to call this meeting of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to order.

First, I would like to thank our colleagues and friends at Indiana University for hosting us. President Whitten could not be here today. As you know, she was here last night for a wonderful dinner that she and the IU team hosted at Henke Hall, and she will be attending a Board of Trustees meeting today in Indianapolis.

Dinner was wonderful, and it was wonderful to see each other and be together. Our pictures were up on the big screen; I can tell you that's the first and last time that I will ever be on a diamond vision screen, so we appreciate that.

I want to thank Michael, who I will introduce in a moment, for his collaboration and especially for his remarks that reflected the camaraderie that exists between not only the Commission and the institution, but all the institutions and the representatives from each of the schools. We see the congeniality and cooperations that exists. But I think it is important, and it really hit me last night, the reflection of how positive that is for the state of Indiana, for our students, families, and businesses, etc. to work strongly together towards the same mission. The themes that we have through the work of the Commission, in partnership with the institutions, reflect that in so many ways.

Michael, Vice President of University Relations, I will welcome you to the podium and thank you for your hospitality.

Vice President Michael Huber, Vice President of University Relations, addresses the group. Thank you. I will now turn it over to our Commissioner, Chris Lowery, for his report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lowery thanked Chairman Dan Peterson.

Commissioner Lowery reported on the following topics:

Partnership Pentagon Report

1. Recommendations align with the Commission's HOPE Agenda goals
2. Provide recommendations built from discussions with business, education, non-profit, philanthropic, and government leaders
 - i. Serve as a policy menu to use as a base guide, with opportunities for all sectors to be involved and/or lead.
3. It is not expected for all recommendations to be addressed immediately
 - i. Recommendations may not be addressed due to legislative changes, landscape changes, student needs, etc.
4. Receiving interest from various individuals and organizations in the work

Perceptions and Realities of Higher Education

1. Research Firm: Heart + Mind Strategies (H+MS)
2. Funding Source: Lilly Endowment (\$1 million)
3. Purpose: To conduct qualitative and quantitative research into the factors that impact Hoosiers' decisions to pursue education and training after high school, and potential solutions to address barriers to enrollment and completion.
4. Research Phases:
 - i. Value of Higher Education & Training: In-dept interviews
 - ii. Decision Pathway Validation & Message Prioritization: Surveys
 - iii. Message Fine Tuning: Focus Groups
 - iv. Synthesis, Production, Final Recommendations

State of Higher Education Report

1. Combines best portions of previous reports (i.e., College Readiness, Completion) into one annual report
2. Aligns to HOPE Agenda & addresses:
 - i. Current rankings
 - ii. CHE initiatives, work, and metrics
 - iii. Goals
3. Will be published in November 2024

Program Updates

Indiana College Core

1. More schools are now offering the Indiana College Core
 - i. With strategic efforts from the Commission and the passing of SEA 8-2024, the Indiana College Core will be more accessible to Hoosiers across the state.
2. The Indiana College Core saves students time and money
 - i. Students can save on average \$22,000 in tuition costs as a full year of general education credits.
 - ii. This can allow students to pursue other degrees or graduate early.
3. Data show that students pursue college at a much higher rate if they earn the Indiana College Core
 - i. 92% of Indiana College Core earners go on to enroll in college compared to the state average of 53%.

2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Updates

1. Indiana ranks 1st in change compared to last year for low-income high schools at +0.5%.
 - i. National average is -10.1%.
 - ii. Indiana is the only state to see an increase in this area.
2. Indiana ranks 4th in change compared to last year for high-minority high schools at +0.5%.
 - i. National average is -10.1%.

Indiana Pre-admissions

1. 2023: First year of the initiative
 - i. Sent to nearly 57,000 senior high school students
 - ii. 327 Indiana high schools participated
 - iii. 38 public and private Indiana institutions participated
2. 2024: Second year of the initiative
 - i. Initial letters sent to over 67,000 senior high school students
 - ii. 390 Indiana high schools are participating (63 new schools - nearly 20% increase)
 - iii. 39 public and private Indiana institutions are participating.

21st Century Scholars

1. Prior to autoenrollment, cohorts were typically 16,000-19,000 students
2. 2023: First year of autoenrollment
 - i. 2027 cohort
 - ii. Over 46,000 students were automatically enrolled
3. 2024: Second year of autoenrollment
 - i. 2028 cohort
 - ii. Over 50,000 students were initially automatically enrolled

4. Note: automatically enrolled students still need to create a ScholarTrack account and complete all requirements of the program to maintain eligibility.

CHE New Staff

CHE Staff Updates

1. Recent Hires
 - i. Postsecondary Transitions Manager
 1. Victoria Phair
 - ii. Outreach Coordinator (West Region)
 1. Morgan Kurtz
2. Recent Shift
 - i. Senior Advisor to the Commissioner
 1. Dr. Ken Sauer

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-24-5.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the July 2024 regular meeting. (Motion – Fisher, second – Saunders, unanimously approved)

III. STUDENT SUCCESS AND COMPLETION COMMITTEE

A. Indiana University Presentation

Dr. Julie Payne-Kirchmeier, Vice President for Student Success, and Dr. Kathy Adams Riester, Senior Associate Vice Provost for Student Life and Dean of Student Life, presented this item.

IV. K-12 AND POSTSECONDARY TRANSITIONS UPDATE

A. Presentation

Angel McAllister, Caitlin Mahoney, and Jessica Barrett presented this item.

V. HEART+MIND STRATEGIES

A. Higher Education in Indiana: Perceptions and Realities

Jennifer Airey, Kris Dabadie, Dr. Jill Kramer, and Dr. Demetrees Hutchins presented this item.

VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Academic Programs for Expedited Action*

R-24-5.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Masters of Geographic Information Sciences to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Mulherin, unanimously approved)

R-24-5.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Bachelor of Science in Music Business to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Fleischaker, unanimously approved)

VII. BUDGET ITEMS

A. Resolution to Outline Employee Retirement Benefits*

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

R-24-5.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution to Outline Employee Retirement Benefits. (Motion – Mulherin, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

B. Fiscal Year 2025 Spending Plan*

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

R-24-5.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2025 Spending Plan. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Saunders, unanimously approved)

C. 2025-2027 Outcomes Based Performance Funding Goals*

Seth Hinshaw presented this item.

R-24-5.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2025-2027 Outcomes Based Performance Funding Goals. (Motion – Hanna, second – Garatoni, unanimously approved)

D. Capital Projects for Full Discussion*

Catherine Golden (Purdue University) presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

R-24-5.7 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University Indianapolis – 501 Indiana Avenue Lease. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Lochmiller, unanimously approved)

Catherine Golden (Purdue University) presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

- R-24-5.8 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University Fort Wayne – 5100 Saint Joe Road Lease. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Kitchell, unanimously approved)

Catherine Golden (Purdue University) presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

- R-24-5.9 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University West Lafayette – Mathematical Sciences Building Data Center Renovation. (Motion – Kitchell, second – Fleischaker, unanimously approved)

Catherine Golden (Purdue University) presented this item. Seth Hinshaw provided the staff recommendation.

- R-24-5.10 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University West Lafayette – Biochemistry Building Office of the State Chemist Lab Renovation. (Motion – Mulherin, second – Kitchell, unanimously approved)

E. Capital Projects for Expedited Action*

- R-24-5.11 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University – Fitness & Recreation Center Roof Replacement. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

- R-24-5.12 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University – Stewart Center & Purdue Memorial Union Courtyard. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

- R-24-5.13 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University – Wetherill Lab Drain & Supply Line. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

- R-24-5.14 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Purdue University – Reed Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. (Motion – Garatoni, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff
- C. Media Coverage

**IX. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 P.M. ET.

Dan Peterson, Chair

Chad Lochmiller, Secretary

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BUDGET ITEM A:

**2025-2027 Indiana Postsecondary Institution
Budget Presentations**

Background

By statute, (Indiana Code 21-18-6), the Commission for Higher Education must review the appropriation requests for all state postsecondary educational institutions and make recommendations concerning appropriations to the Governor and General Assembly.

As part of this review, the Commission has requested each institution present their 2025-2027 state budget requests during the October 2024 Commission meeting and be prepared to answer questions that will assist the Commission in its review.

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BUDGET ITEM B:

Ball State University – The Village Lease and Lease Purchase

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education recommends approval to the State Budget Agency and the State Budget Committee of the following projects:

- Ball State University - The Village Lease Purchase

Background

By statute, the Commission for Higher Education must review all projects to construct buildings or facilities costing more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000), regardless of the source of funding. Each repair and rehabilitation project must be reviewed by the Commission for Higher Education and approved by the Governor, on recommendation of the Budget Agency, if the cost of the project exceeds two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and if any part of the cost of the project is paid by state appropriated funds or by mandatory student fees assessed all students. Such review is required if no part of the project is paid by state appropriated funds or by mandatory student fees and the project cost exceeds two million dollars (\$2,000,000). A project that has been approved or authorized by the General Assembly is subject to review by the Commission for Higher Education. The Commission for Higher Education shall review a project approved or authorized by the General Assembly for which a state appropriation will be used. All other non-state funded projects must be reviewed within ninety (90) days after the project is submitted to the Commission.

Supporting Document

BSU – The Village Lease and Lease Purchase

Ball State University – The Village Lease and Lease Purchase

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D-1-25-5-01: Ball State University The Village Lease and Lease Purchase Obligations

The Ball State University Board of Trustees requests authorization to proceed with entering into lease and lease purchase agreements between Ball State University and the Ball State innovation Corporation that will allow for a portion of the Performing Arts Center and the Center for Innovation to be financed through the issuance of Lease Purchase obligations (LPO), Series 2024. The University will lease to BSIC for a period of no more than 20 years. The University will lease to BSIC the land on which the projects will occur and will terminate upon the final repayment of the LPO. Upon fully paying off the LPO, the leases will expire, and the project will be fully owned by the University.

Funding: The estimated cost of this project is \$45,000,000 and will be funded through operating reserves.

Additional Staff Notes: Staff recommends approval of the project.



BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

September 12, 2024

The Honorable Eric Holcomb
Governor, State of Indiana
State House 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Subject: Lease and Lease Purchase Agreements between Ball State University and the Ball State Innovation Corporation for Performing Arts Center and Center for Innovation
Budget Agency Project Number: D-1-25-5-01

Dear Governor Holcomb:

Earlier this year, you approved the first steps in Ball State University's (the "University") comprehensive plan to revitalize The Village, the commercial district that is immediately adjacent to the University and to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

As a reminder, the vision is to create a best-in-class, multigenerational district driven by arts and culture, entertainment, and innovation with new dining, retail, service, living, and gathering options featuring a **select-service hotel** within or adjacent to a new performing arts center. The Village will be restored to a regional amenity providing new entertainment options, along with places to live, work, and dine. The improved district will be a vibrant corridor connecting campus to downtown Muncie. New residential options in close proximity to the region's two anchor institutions will entice more employees to live nearby, while also encouraging recent graduates and retirees to remain in the community. A new innovation center will leverage University resources to promote entrepreneurship and business expansion in the region. The combined impact of these amenities is expected to significantly increase tax revenues for Muncie, Delaware County, and the State of Indiana from property, sales, and income taxes.

This revitalization plan is a collaborative partnership with elected officials in Muncie and Delaware County and two private development partners, Fairmount Properties and Schahet Hotels. Other local organizations, including the hospital, will also participate in the implementation of the plan. Working together, these parties will ensure that our projects align with and support the city's and the region's current plans.

The next step in this ambitious endeavor involves lease and lease purchase agreements between the University and the Ball State Innovation Corporation ("BSIC") that will allow for a portion of the Performing Arts Center and the Center for Innovation (collectively, the "Projects") to be financed through the issuance of Lease Purchase Obligations, Series 2024 (the "LPOs"). Pursuant to Indiana Code 21-33-3-5, and subject to approvals required by Indiana Code 21-33-3, LPOs are subject to your approval after review by the Commission for Higher Education and the State Budget Committee.

Summary of Transaction

The LPOs will be issued at fixed or variable rates to pay for the Projects. The University expects total borrowing for the project to not exceed \$45,000,000, plus ordinary and necessary costs to issue the debt.

The University will lease to BSIC, for a period of up to 20 years, the land on which the Projects will occur. Pursuant to an agency and operating agreement between the University and BSIC, the University will use the proceeds of the LPOs, as BSIC's agent, to make the improvements encompassed by the Projects. BSIC will own the Projects and lease-purchase/sub-lease the Projects back to the University as tenant. When the LPOs are paid off, all leases will terminate and the Projects and any subsequent improvements to the Projects will revert to sole ownership of the University. These leases are expected to be approved by the University Board of Trustees at the October 4, 2024 meeting.

Preliminary Plan of Finance Summary

The University expects the LPOs to be purchased and held directly by a financial institution to be selected by BSIC and the University or offered publicly in one or more series to be underwritten by an underwriter selected by BSIC and the University. The LPOs will amortize over a period not to exceed 20 years from the date of issuance.

The University has issued a request for proposals for a direct purchase of the LPOs to a selection of banks and expects to select the direct purchaser in mid-October pursuant to authority granted by the University Board. If market conditions warrant a fixed rate public offering of the LPOs, the University would expect to release a Preliminary Official Statement in early December 2024 and price the obligations on or after December 15, 2024. We expect costs of issuance to not exceed [1.5%] of the par amount of the LPOs. Debt service on the LPOs will be payable from the University lease payments.

Working Group

In addition to the BSU and BSIC team members working on the LPOs, the working group consists of Ice Miller LLP, as bond counsel and PFM Financial Advisors, as financial advisor. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., will serve as trustee. Bank purchasers and/or underwriters and their respective counsel are still to be determined.

Each component of the Village Redevelopment project is essential to the successful revitalization of the area. Given the proposed timing for the LPOs transaction and construction of the Project, we respectfully request your approval of this project. If you have any questions, please call me at 765-285-5555.

Sincerely,

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY



Alan T. Finn
Vice President for Business Affairs
and Treasurer

Enclosures

cc: Commission for Higher Education
State Budget Agency
Indiana Finance Authority

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BUDGET ITEM C:

Capital Projects for Expedited Action

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education recommends approval to the State Budget Agency and the State Budget Committee of the following projects:

- Indiana University – Bradford Woods Pool Replacement
- Purdue University – Regional Deferred Maintenance

Background

Staff recommends approval to the State Budget Agency and the State Budget Committee of the following capital projects in accordance with the expedited action category originated by the Commission for Higher Education in May 2006. Institutional staff will be available to answer questions about these projects, but the staff does not envision formal presentations.

Supporting Document

Background Information on Capital Projects for Expedited Action, Thursday, October 10, 2024.

Capital Projects for Expedited Action

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A-1-25-2-07 Indiana University – Bradford Woods Pool Replacement

The Indiana University Board of Trustees requests authorization to proceed with the renovation and replacement of the Bradford Woods – Lilly Pool on the Bloomington Campus. The project includes the removal of the 12,000 gross square foot 1970s aluminum pool and installation of a new zero-entry pool to offer an accessible option rather than traditional ramp. The project will also include the replacement of the existing bathhouse with two new single occupancy accessible restrooms. Fitness and Recreation Center roof replacement on the Northwest campus. The estimated cost of this project is \$2,800,000 and will be funded by a Riley Children’s Foundation grant.

B-0-25-2-10 Purdue University – Regional Deferred Maintenance

The Purdue University Board of Trustees requests authorization to proceed with six priority deferred maintenance projects on the Fort Wayne Campus. The projects include the repair or replacement of multiple building chillers, air handling units, hydronic heating replacement, metal panel wall reconstruction, and HVAC controls. The estimated cost of this project is \$2,112,069 and will be funded by state cash appropriation.



September 13, 2024

The Honorable Eric J. Holcomb
Governor, State of Indiana
206 State House
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: IU Bloomington Bradford Woods Pool Replacement
Indiana University Bloomington
A-1-25-2-07

Dear Governor Holcomb:

The Trustees of Indiana University and I respectfully request authorization to proceed with the renovation and replacement of the Bradford Woods – Lilly Pool on the Bradford Woods site as part of the IU Bloomington campus. This project is estimated to cost \$2.8 million and will be funded by a Capital Grant from the Riley Children's Foundation.

This project includes the removal of the existing 1970s aluminum pool and installation of a new zero-entry pool to offer a user-friendly accessible option rather than a traditional ramp. The project will either do an addition/renovation to the existing bathhouse or demolish/build a new bathhouse to support the pool facility, as well as provide two new all-gender single occupancy accessible restrooms. The current footprint of the existing pool will be maintained, totaling approximately 12,000 gross square feet, along with the execution of additional sitework, and the upgrading of site lighting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Whitten".

Pamela Whitten
President

Submitted through the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the State Budget Agency.

The Honorable Eric J. Holcomb
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RE: IU Bloomington Bradford Woods Pool Replacement
Indiana University Bloomington
A-1-25-2-07

cc: Indiana Commission for Higher Education
State Budget Agency

Representative Jeff Thompson
Senator Ryan Mishler
Representative Greg Porter
Senator David Niezgodski
Mr. Joseph M. Habig
Representative Bob Cherry
Senator Chris Garten
Representative Edward DeLaney
Senator Fady Qaddoura
Mr. Chris Lowery
Mr. Seth Hinshaw
Mr. Cody Robison

PROJECT SUMMARY AND DESCRIPTION
FOR: IU Bloomington Bradford Woods Pool Replacement

Institution:	<input type="text" value="Indiana University"/>	Budget Agency Project No.:	<input type="text" value="A-1-25-2-07"/>
Campus:	<input type="text" value="Bloomington"/>	Institutional Priority:	<input type="text"/>
Previously approved by General Assembly:	<input type="text"/>	Previously recommended by CHE:	<input type="text"/>
Part of the Institution's Long-term Capital Plan:	<input type="text"/>		

Project Summary Description:

The renovation and replacement of the Bradford Woods Aquatic Facility - Lilly Pool on the Bradford Woods site includes the removal of the existing 1970s aluminum pool and installation of a new zero-entry pool to offer a user-friendly accessible option rather than a traditional ramp. The project will address bathhouse challenges to support the pool facility, as well as provide two new all-gender single occupancy accessible restrooms. The current footprint of the existing pool will be maintained along with the execution of additional sitework and the upgrading of site lighting.

Summary of the impact on the educational attainment of students at the institution:

The purpose of the renovation of the pool at Bradford Woods, totaling approximately 12,000 gross square feet, would be to protect vulnerable children through advanced bathhouse design and to support the swimming experience for children of all abilities. The pool plays an important role in safety education, as some children with disabilities have a greater risk of drowning. Lifeguards and counselors ensure campers learn about basic water safety, and campers gain water competencies from their supervised time in the Lilly Pool. These competencies include water safety awareness, basic swimming skills, and helping others.

Project Size:	<input type="text" value="12,000"/> GSF	<input type="text"/> ASF	<input type="text" value="0"/> ASF/GSF
Net change in overall campus space:	<input type="text"/> GSF	<input type="text"/> ASF	

Total cost of the project (1):	<input type="text" value="\$2,809,872.00"/>	Cost per ASF/GSF:	<input type="text" value="\$ 234.01"/> GSF
			<input type="text"/> ASF

Funding Source(s) for project (2):	<input type="text" value="\$ 2,809,872"/>	External Funding - Riley Children's Foundation Capital Grant
	<input type="text" value="\$ 95,195"/>	External Funding - Riley Children's Foundation Capital Grant (Furn., Fixtures, and Equip.)
	<input type="text" value="\$ 227,520"/>	External Funding - Riley Children's Foundation Capital Grant (10 years maintenance)
	<input type="text"/>	

Estimated annual debt payment (4):

Are all funds for the project secured:

Estimated annual change in cost of building operations based on the project:

Estimated annual repair and rehabilitation investment (3):

(1) Projects should include all costs associated with the project (structure, A&E, infrastructure, consulting, FF&E, etc.)
 (2) Be consistent in the naming of funds to be used for projects. If bonding, note Bonding Authority Year (1965, 1929, 1927, etc.)
 (3) Estimate the amount of funding the institution would need to set aside annually to address R&R needs for the project. CHE suggests 1.5% of total construction cost
 (4) If issuing debt, determine annual payment based on 20 years at 5.75% interest rate
 - If project is a lease-purchase or lease, adjust accordingly. Note the total cost of the lease in the project cost, and annual payments in project description

PROJECT DETAILED DESCRIPTION - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR: IU Bloomington Bradford Woods Pool Replacement

Institution:	Indiana University	Budget Agency Project No.:	A-1-25-2-07
Campus:	Bloomington	Institutional Priority:	

Description of Project

The project will renovate approximately 12,000 gross square feet including the removal of the existing aluminum pool and installation of a zero-entry pool option rather than a traditional ramp. The project will address bathhouse challenges to support the pool facility, as well as provide two new all-gender single occupancy accessible restrooms. The current footprint of the existing pool will be maintained along with the execution of additional sitework and the upgrading of site lighting.

Need and Purpose of the Program

Replacement equipment to support the outdated pool has become difficult to source. Given the camper populations* served through Camp Riley's programs, maintaining a clean, reliable pool environment is essential. Without a reliable mechanical system to support the 50-year-old structure, the Lilly Pool's operational capabilities are compromised. Zero-entry pools are preferred for individuals with disabilities offering gradual entry and acclimation to the water. The existing bathhouse, designed and constructed in the 1970s, is too small for the current camper population, and numerous blind spots make child protection challenging. Desired renovations and expansion will result in a safer, large facility, more changing areas and less waiting for staff to assist the pool's intended population.

* Bradford Woods Recreation Therapy teams serve children from Camp Riley (physical & cognitive diagnoses), Camp ROCKS (autism), Camp Little Red Door (active cancer treatment/remission), and MDA Summer Camp (muscular dystrophy and related muscle-debilitating diseases), among others.

Space Utilization

The project will be using the same footprint of the existing pool facility (approximately 12,000 gross square feet). All construction activity will be contained within the existing site.

Comparable Projects

Background Materials

This project was approved by Indiana University Board of Trustees at their September 2024 meeting. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,800,000 and will be funded by the Riley Children's Foundation.

**CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST FORM
INDIANA PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
INSTITUTION CAMPUS SPACE DETAILS FOR (IU Bloomington Bradford Woods Pool Replacement)**

(INSERT PROJECT TITLE AND SBA No.)	Current Space in Use	Space Under Construction (1)	Space Planned and Funded (1)	Subtotal Current and Future Space	Space to be Terminated (1)	New Space in Capital Request (2)	Net Future Space
<u>A. OVERALL SPACE IN ASF</u>							
Classroom (110 & 115)				-			-
Class Lab (210,215,220,225,230,235)				-			-
Non-class Lab (250 & 255)				-			-
Office Facilities (300)				-			-
Study Facilities (400)				-			-
Special Use Facilities (500)				-			-
General Use Facilities (600)				-			-
Support Facilities (700)				-			-
Health Care Facilities (800)				-			-
Resident Facilities (900)				-			-
Unclassified (000)				-			-
<u>B. OTHER FACILITIES</u>							
(Please list major categories)				-			-
TOTAL SPACE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes:

- (1) Identify in a footnote the specific facilities that are included in the data in these columns. Do not include pending approval, non-submitted projects or non-funded projects
- (2) Should include capital projects requested by the institution based on 2013-15 Capital Request Summary

- Space/Room codes based on Postsecondary Ed Facilities Inventory and Classification Manual (2006)

CAPITAL PROJECT COST DETAILS
FOR: IU Bloomington Bradford Woods Pool Replacement

Institution:	Indiana University	Budget Agency Project No.:	A-1-25-2-07
Campus:	Bloomington	Institutional Priority:	

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>	
Bid Date	March	2025	
Start Construction	May	2025	*Current pool open for summer 2025
Occupancy (End Date)	October	2025	*Construction to begin at close of season 2025

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST FOR PROJECT

	<u>Cost Basis</u> (1)	<u>Estimated Escalation</u> Factors (2)	<u>Project Cost</u>
<u>Planning Costs</u>			
a. Engineering	\$ 90,000		\$ 90,000
b. Architectural	\$ 107,180		\$ 107,180
c. Consulting			\$ -
<u>Construction</u>			
a. Structure	\$ 2,383,500		\$ 2,383,500
b. Mechanical (HVAC, plumbing, etc.)			\$ -
c. Electrical			\$ -
<u>Movable Equipment</u>	\$ 95,195		\$ 95,195
<u>Fixed Equipment</u>			\$ -
<u>Site Development/Land Acquisition</u>			\$ -
<u>Other (Contingency)</u>	\$ 227,410		\$ 227,410
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$ 2,903,285	\$ -	\$ 2,903,285

(1) Cost Basis is based on current cost prevailing as of: (INSERT MONTH AND YEAR)

(2) Explain in the Description of Project Section of the "Cap Proj Details" schedule the reasoning for estimated escalation factors

CAPITAL PROJECT OPERATING COST DETAILS

FOR: IU Bloomington Bradford Woods Pool Replacement

Institution:	Indiana University	Budget Agency Project No.:	A-1-25-2-07
Campus:	Bloomington	Institutional Priority:	

		GSF OF AREA AFFECTED BY PROJECT		
ANNUAL OPERATING COST/SAVINGS (1)				12,000
	Cost per GSF	Total Operating Cost	Personal Services	Supplies and Expenses
1. Operations	0.833333333	\$ 10,000		
2. Maintenance	#DIV/0!	\$ 8,000		
3. Fuel	#DIV/0!	\$ -		
4. Utilities	#DIV/0!	\$ 5,000		
5. Other	#DIV/0!	\$ -		
TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL COST/SAVINGS	1.916666667	\$ 23,000	\$ -	\$ -

Description of any unusual factors affecting operating and maintenance costs/savings.

(1) Based on figures from "Individual Cap Proj Desc" schedule



Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

September 30, 2024

The Honorable Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of the State of Indiana
Statehouse
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Holcomb:

Following the appropriation authorization in the 2023 budget bill HEA 1001, Purdue University identified six priority projects for completion at the Purdue Fort Wayne campus.

The identified projects are as follows: Doermer School of Business building chillers replacement, Gates Sports Center second floor air handling unit and hydronic heating replacement, Life Science Resource Center cooling system replacement, Gates Sports Center Fieldhouse metal panel wall reconstruction, Walb Student Union HVAC controls renovation and Ginsberg Hall chiller and control air replacement.

These projects will improve areas that have a direct impact on student success and address other critical needs that promote student retention and provide a safe campus for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

The estimated total project cost is \$2,112,069 funded by Capital Cash Appropriation.

Subject to review by the Commission for Higher Education and recommendation by the State Budget Committee and the Budget Agency, we request your approval to proceed with this project. Attached are the completed forms that the Commission has prescribed for its review of such projects. We will be happy to answer any questions you or your staff may have or to provide any additional information that is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Ruhl', written over a horizontal line.

Christopher A. Ruhl
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Attachments

- c: Seth Hinshaw, Chief Financial Officer, Indiana Commission for Higher Education
- Joe Habig, Deputy Director and Acting State Budget Director, Indiana State Budget Agency
- Cody Wilson, Division Director, Indiana State Budget Agency
- Kathleen Thomason, Comptroller, Purdue University
- Anne Hazlett, Senior Director, Government Relations, Purdue University

PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Deferred Maintenance Projects

Institution:	<input type="text" value="Purdue University"/>	Budget Agency Project No.:	<input type="text" value="B-0-25-2-10"/>
Campus:	<input type="text" value="System"/>	Institutional Priority:	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
Previously approved by General Assembly:	<input type="text" value="No"/>	Previously recommended by CHE:	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Part of the Institution's Long-term Capital Plan:	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>		

Project Size:	<input type="text" value="N/A"/> GSF (1)	<input type="text" value="N/A"/> ASF (2)	<input type="text" value="N/A"/> ASF/GSF
Net change in overall campus space:	<input type="text" value="0"/> GSF	<input type="text" value="0"/> ASF	

Total cost of the project (3):	<input type="text" value="\$ 2,112,069"/>	Cost per ASF/GSF:	<input type="text" value="-"/> GSF
Total cost of the demolition:	<input type="text" value="\$ -"/>		<input type="text" value="-"/> ASF
Funding Source(s) for project (4):	Amount	Type	
	<input type="text" value="\$ 2,112,069"/>	<input type="text" value="Capital Cash Appropriation"/>	
	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	
	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	
Estimated annual debt payment (6):	<input type="text" value="0"/>		
Are all funds for the project secured:	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>		

Project Funding:
 These projects will be funded by an appropriation authorized by the 2023 budget bill, HEA 1001, to specifically address deferred maintenance at Purdue Fort Wayne. Maintenance of existing facilities is an important part of our capital program, and these projects are consistent with our long term capital plan.

Project Cost Justification
 Given the variety and scope of these projects, there is no good single comparison; however, these projects are comparable to smaller projects in our regular Repair and Rehabilitation (R&R) program. Details are included in the comparable projects section.

Estimated annual change in cost of building operations based on the project:	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
Estimated annual repair and rehabilitation investment (5):	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>

PROJECT DETAILED DESCRIPTION - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Deferred Maintenance Projects

Institution:	Purdue University	Budget Agency Project No.:	B-0-25-2-10
Campus:	System	Institutional Priority:	N/A

Description of Project

The PFW campus will initiate six projects totaling \$2,112,069:

Doermer School of Business Building Chillers Replacement (\$550,000): Replace the existing, compromised pair of 150 ton chillers with new chillers and controls.

Gates Sports Center Second Floor AHU & Hydronic Heating Replacement (\$400,000): Replace the failing air handling unit for second floor office space and add hydronic heating to the system.

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Need and Purpose of the Program

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Space Utilization

This project does not have a net impact on total assignable campus space.

Comparable Projects

This project has a variety of construction types and the projects are comparable to the following projects on campus:

Gates Center Roof Replacement, Phase 2 (\$700,000): Repair and replace the existing EPDM roof system with a new modified bitumen roof for protection of the Athletics office areas.

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Background Materials

CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST FORM
INDIANA PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
INSTITUTION CAMPUS SPACE DETAILS FOR Deferred Maintenance Projects

(INSERT PROJECT TITLE AND SBA No.)	Current Campus Totals			Capital Request		Net Future Space
	Current Space in Use	Space Under Construction (1)	Space Planned and Funded (1)	Subtotal Current and Future Space	Space to be Terminated (1)	
A. OVERALL SPACE IN ASF						
Classroom (110 & 115)	88,890	1,386	-	90,277	-	90,277
Class Lab (210,215,220,225,230,235)	132,508	4,916	-	137,425	-	137,425
Non-class Lab (250 & 255)	37,769	2,240	-	40,009	-	40,009
Office Facilities (300)	233,284	975	-	234,259	-	234,259
Study Facilities (400)	56,226	1,500	-	57,726	-	57,726
Special Use Facilities (500)	139,547	(2,499)	-	137,048	-	137,048
General Use Facilities (600)	146,566	(445)	-	146,121	-	146,121
Support Facilities (700)	932,411	74	-	932,485	-	932,485
Health Care Facilities (800)	4,853	-	-	4,853	-	4,853
Resident Facilities (900)	335,911	-	-	335,911	-	335,911
Unclassified (000)	60,748	2,175	-	62,923	-	62,923
B. OTHER FACILITIES (Please list major categories)						
TOTAL SPACE	2,168,713	10,323	-	2,179,036	-	2,179,036

CAPITAL PROJECT COST DETAILS

Deferred Maintenance Projects

Institution:	Purdue University	Budget Agency Project No.:	B-0-25-2-10
Campus:	System	Institutional Priority:	N/A

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE*

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
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ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST FOR PROJECT

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<u>Movable Equipment</u>			\$ -
<u>Fixed Equipment</u>			\$ -
<u>Site Development/Land Acquisition</u>			\$ -
<u>Other (Contingency)</u>	\$ 444,069		\$ 444,069
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$2,112,069	\$ -	\$ 2,112,069

CAPITAL PROJECT OPERATING COST DETAILS

Deferred Maintenance Projects

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Deferred Maintenance Projects

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5. Other	#DIV/0!	\$ -		
TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL COST/SAVINGS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Description of any unusual factors affecting operating and maintenance costs/savings.

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Thursday, October 10, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM A:

2025 Commission Meeting Calendar

Background

In June 2022, Commission staff presented on reducing the number of Commission meetings to six per year. The meeting schedule reflects how other boards conduct business, increase attendance, reduce cost, and lower the administrative burden on staff and our campus partners. The staff will provide the 2025 meeting schedule.

Supporting Document

2025 Meeting Schedule

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ITEM A:

Academic Degree Program for Expedited Action

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the following degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item:

- Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Planning – Indiana University Southeast
- Master of Arts for Teachers in Computer Science – online collaborative, Indiana University Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast

Background

The Academic Affairs and Quality Committee discussed these programs at its October 7, 2024 meeting and concluded the proposed programs could be placed on the October 10, 2024 agenda for action by the Commission as expedited action items.

Supporting Document

Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action October 7, 2024

CHE 24-21 Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Planning to be offered by Indiana University Southeast

Proposal received on August 13, 2024

CIP Code: 52.0901

Fifth Year Projected Enrollment: Headcount – 68, FTE – 59

Fifth Year Projected Degrees Conferred: 26

The proposed Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Planning will be offered in person (with less than 50% of courses offered online) through Indiana University Southeast within the School of Arts and Letters in conjunction with the School of Business.

The curriculum of the B.S. in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Planning utilizes current coursework and requires no additional facilities or capital investment. However, an additional faculty member will be needed if enrollment projections are accurate. In addition to general education and elective courses, the curriculum includes the 75-credit hour Tourism, Hospitality and Event Planning Core Curriculum. Graduates are expected complete three internships for this degree. These internships will allow for a greater connection between the program and employers in Southeastern Indiana.

The proposed Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Planning requires 120 credit hours to complete. There is no TSAP (Transfer Single Articulation Pathway) that applies to the proposed degree program. However, students at Ivy Tech Community and Vincennes University who complete the Indiana College Core can transfer 30 credit hours into the proposed program. Students should work closely with their advisor to correctly identify courses within the Speaking and Listening, Written Communication, and Quantitative Reasoning competencies that will meet the requirements of the B.S. in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Planning.

CHE 24-22 Master of Arts for Teachers in Computer Science – online collaborative to be offered by Indiana University Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast

Proposal received on August 13, 2024

CIP Code: 11.0701

Fifth Year Projected Enrollment (Aggregate): Headcount – 60, FTE – 30

Fifth Year Projected Degrees Conferred (Aggregate): 60

The proposed Master of Arts for Teachers in Computer Science will be offered as an online collaborative at Indiana University Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast. This will also be in collaboration with existing degree programs at Indiana University Bloomington and Indianapolis.

There are currently seven other Master of Arts for Teachers programs offered through this collaborative effort across multiple IU campuses: Biology, Chemistry, French, German, History, Mathematics, and Political Science. These degrees are intended to help secondary school teachers meet the requirement to teach dual credit courses by satisfying the requirement of a Master's degree in the content area in which they are teaching.

Last legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly required computer science as a graduation requirement starting with the class of 2029. Further, multiple Next Level Programs of Study (CTE pathways) require college-level computer science coursework. This has increased the demand for computer science educators at the secondary level. The proposed Master of Arts for Teachers in Computer Science directly addresses this demand. Specifically, the need for more educators qualified to teach dual credit computer science courses.

The curriculum utilizes pre-existing graduate-level computers science and education courses. Therefore, the proposed Masters of Arts for Teachers in Computer Science can be provided without requiring new facilities, instructors or courses. The curriculum includes a 30 total credits with 18 credits of computer science instructions and 12 credits of education instructions.

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INFORMATION ITEM A: Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action

	<u>Title of Program</u>	<u>Institution/Campus/Site</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Received</u>	<u>Status</u>
01	Bachelor of Science in Public Health in Sexual and Reproductive Health	Indiana University Bloomington	08/13/2024	Under Review
02	Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Planning	Indiana University Southeast	08/13/2024	On CHE agenda for action
03	Master of Arts for Teachers in Computer Science – online	Indiana University Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast	08/13/2024	On CHE agenda for action
04	Master of Science in Education in Evidence-Based Practices in Educational Psychology	Indiana University Bloomington	09/13/2024	Under Review
05	Master of Public Policy	Indiana University Bloomington	09/13/2024	Under Review
06	Master of Design Leadership	Indiana University Bloomington	09/13/2024	Under Review

	<u>Title of Program</u>	<u>Institution/Campus/Site</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
07	Ph.D. in Information Science	Indiana University Indianapolis	<u>Received</u> 09/13/2024	Under Review

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INFORMATION ITEM B: Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff

	<u>Title of Program</u>	<u>Institution/Campus/Site</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Change</u>
01	M.S./M.B.A. in Applied Management Science	Purdue University West Lafayette	10/07/2024	Changing the name
02	M.S. in Management Science	Purdue University West Lafayette	10/07/2024	Changing the name
03	M.S./M.B.A. in Management	Purdue University West Lafayette	10/07/2024	Changing the name
04	Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Computer Information Systems	University of Southern Indiana	10/07/2024	Changing the credit hours
05	Post-Master's Certificate in Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	University of Southern Indiana	10/07/2024	Changing the credit hours
06	Master of Business and Technology	Purdue University West Lafayette	10/07/2024	Adding distance education
07	Master of Business and Technology	Purdue University West Lafayette	10/07/2024	Adding a location (Indianapolis)
08	A.A.S. in Baking and Pastry Arts	Ivy Tech Community College	10/07/2024	Changing the CIP code
09	A.A.S. in Culinary Arts	Ivy Tech Community College	10/07/2024	Splitting a program
10	M.S.Ed. in Learning and Developmental Sciences	Indiana University Bloomington	10/07/2024	Changing the CIP code
11	Linux Administration Certificate	Ivy Tech Community College	10/07/2024	Eliminating a program
12	Microsoft Administration Certificate	Ivy Tech Community College	10/07/2024	Eliminating a program

	<u>Title of Program</u>	<u>Institution/Campus/Site</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Change</u>
13	A.A.S. in Medical Imaging	Ivy Tech Community College - Anderson	10/07/2024	Adding a location
14	Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Innovation	Purdue University West Lafayette	10/07/2024	Adding a location (Indianapolis)
15	Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Accountancy	University of Southern Indiana	10/07/2024	Changing the credit hours
16	Indiana College Core Certificate	Indiana University Indianapolis	10/07/2024	Adding a certificate
17	A.S. in Secondary Education (English)	Vincennes University	10/07/2024	Splitting a program
18	A.S. in Secondary Education (Biology)	Vincennes University	10/07/2024	Splitting a program
19	A.S. in Secondary Education (Mathematics)	Vincennes University	10/07/2024	Splitting a program
20	A.S. in Secondary Education (Chemistry)	Vincennes University	10/07/2024	Splitting a program
21	Massage Therapy Certificate	Indiana State University	10/07/2024	Adding a certificate
22	Intergenerational Relationships Certificate	Indiana State University	10/07/2024	Adding a certificate

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INFORMATION ITEM C: Media Coverage

Staff has selected a compilation of recent media coverage related to the Commission from September. Please see the following pages for details.

WFIU

What families should know about Indiana's college financial aid and pre-admissions programs

Aubrey Wright

September 16, 2024

Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery wants more Hoosiers to earn a degree or credential after high school.

Thousands of students qualify for aid this year. The commission is working directly with high schoolers, colleges and even middle schoolers to boost college enrollment. Lowery wants Indiana to rank top 10 for earning college degrees in the U.S. The Commission for Higher Education is trying to make the process easier and more affordable.

“All of these things are really geared toward helping make college more accessible, more affordable,” Lowery said. “We believe we're seeing early indicators last year and this year of increases in enrollment.”

What high school and middle school families should watch out for

The Commission for Higher Education created new programs to appeal directly to younger students. Families might find more information in their mailboxes.

Indiana recently expanded the 21st Century Scholars Program. It provides need-based financial aid to Indiana students attending state and some private colleges. The scholarship covers up to 100 percent of tuition costs for students who typically earn [free and reduced lunch](#).

Eligible eighth graders are automatically enrolled, but students must take a few steps to receive the scholarship. Lowery called it a “good scholar and good student checklist.” This fall, the state enrolled more than 50,000 students.

“Maintaining a minimum of 2.5 GPA, preparing in other ways for college, completing the FAFSA when that comes about and those types of things,” Lowery said. “So that when the student graduates from high school, she or he will be ready to go after it.”

Students and families can find more information [online](#).

About 67,000 high school seniors should receive information on which Indiana colleges they qualify for, Lowery said. [Indiana's Pre-Admissions program](#) matches students to colleges based on SAT scores, ACT scores and GPA. Letters go out next week, Lowery said.

The average student matched to 24 colleges and universities.

“What's just fascinating is we started to hear a lot from parents and students and community leaders saying we had no idea even some of these colleges and universities were here in Indiana,” Lowery said.

It's a way to make the path from high school to college easier, Lowery said, by showing students their options.

“It's helping make it more accessible to families,” Lowery said.

Complete the first year of college in high school

High school students can earn 30 credit-hours — roughly the first year of college — through Indiana [College Core](#) classes.

The credits are guaranteed to transfer to public colleges, helping students meet general education requirements. Lowery said students have a say in which classes they take, but all courses should be college-level. That includes Advanced Placement, dual-credit and dual enrollment.

Advanced Placement gives students a chance to earn college credit while in high school through a standardized test. Dual-credit allows students to earn high school and college credits at the same time for one class. Dual enrollment means high school students also take classes at a college.

Students must keep at least a 2.0 GPA and complete all 30 hours. The classes are offered at little to no cost.

Lowery said more high schools than ever offer all of the College Core classes. This fall 275 high schools are offering College Core classes. In 2022, 84 high schools offered the classes.

“We, as an agency, said, ‘Look, let's work with the Department of Education, with local high schools, with our partners, to get that offered in high schools,’” Lowery said. “Because it's such a great deal. Students and families can save money. They can save time.”

Hoosier families can learn more about the program [online](#).

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Amid FAFSA delays, Hoosier education officials ramp up efforts to keep applications rolling in

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With Hoosier students set to face another year of financial aid application delays, Indiana higher education officials are ramping up efforts to highlight — and encourage — post-secondary options for high school graduates.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2025-26 academic year won't be fully available, in large part, until Dec. 1 — two months later than the form's usual debut, the U.S. Department of Education [announced last month](#).

Agency officials said they've postponed this year's release to avoid potential technical issues. It's the second year in a row that FAFSA has been delayed.

Thousands of Hoosier students qualify for aid each year, but historically, fewer than half end up submitting their FAFSA. That leaves tens of millions of unclaimed federal aid dollars.

State lawmakers, in tandem with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE), have spearheaded multiple efforts in recent years to reverse that trend, including a FAFSA completion mandate for high schoolers, as well as [coordinated mailing of "pre-admission" thousands of letters](#) to Hoosier students from Indiana's higher education institutions.

This week, 30 Hoosier colleges are additionally participating in Indiana's "College Application Week," during which students can apply to all participating schools for free. State officials said the annual effort provides students a greater chance of receiving institutionally-awarded financial aid, on top of whatever they might qualify for federally.

Ongoing FAFSA delays

The latest FAFSA delay comes after last year's fraught financial aid cycle; for the 2024-25 academic year, applications were not available until late December due to multiple rounds of technical glitches with the website and electronic FAFSA form.

Federal education officials didn't start sending applicant data to colleges until March — significantly reducing the time colleges had to compile aid packages. That data is usually available shortly after the FAFSA opens on Oct. 1.

Students also couldn't submit corrections to their FAFSA forms until April, and wait times for helpline assistance reportedly stretched for hours.

A 2020 law directed the Education Department to simplify the FAFSA form, which had been criticized for being time-consuming and difficult to complete, especially for families without college experience. With that work to update FAFSA still ongoing, agency officials maintain the second delayed FAFSA rollout will help to avoid future problems in the next aid cycle.

“Following a challenging 2024-25 FAFSA cycle, the Department listened carefully to the input of students, families, and higher education institutions, made substantial changes to leadership and operations at Federal Student Aid, and is taking a new approach this year that will significantly improve the FAFSA experience,” U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said in a statement. Nationwide, the number of 2024 high school seniors who completed the FAFSA dropped more than 7% compared to the year prior, according to the [National College Attainment Network](#).

Roughly 38% of Indiana’s graduated 2024 high school seniors submitted the FAFSA by the state’s mid-April priority deadline, NCAN data shows. By mid-summer, the application rate ticked up to 47%. Students can still file after April 15, but state financial aid will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

That fell below CHE’s goal of having 60% of high school seniors submit their FAFSA by the priority deadline. Even so, Indiana fared slightly better than the rest of the country. The state saw the smallest change year-over-year in its completion rate compared to the rest of the country – possibly thanks to Indiana’s [new universal FAFSA completion policy](#).

The new law, passed in 2023, made Indiana the eighth state to have some type of FAFSA filing mandate for high schoolers. There are no penalties if a student fails to submit the application, however.

It’s still unclear how much the FAFSA complications will impact the number of students attending college. Higher education officials have cautioned that aid delays force some students to pick a school with limited information about their financial picture.

State enrollment data

The latest enrollment data from Indiana’s colleges and universities, at least, appears mostly positive.

Enrollment is up at Indiana University campuses across the state this fall, the school [announced](#) earlier this month. IU Bloomington, specifically, set a record this fall with 48,424 students enrolled. Applications for the Bloomington campus were also up 25% from last year, which the university said has led to the campus’s second largest beginning class ever at 9,600. Purdue University additionally [boasted record enrollment](#) numbers for the Fall 2024 semester. Applicant numbers set a record at 78,526 students, while the school’s admission rate dropped to a record low at 49.8%.

The [University of Southern Indiana](#), [Vincennes University](#), [Rose-Hulman](#), [Trine University](#), [Hanover College](#) and [Notre Dame](#) all reported record-high — or near-high — fall enrollment, too.

Similar to many institutions, Ball State [pushed back the traditional student commitment deadline](#) for the 2024 freshmen class from May 1 to June 1 because of the FAFSA issues. The school has not yet released detailed enrollment information for the current academic year.

At Indiana State University, however, fall enrollment dropped to 7,895 students — a 4.9% decline from last year, and 36% drop compared to 2018, [according to figures released by the school](#).

Indiana continues push for more college enrollment

Indiana’s Commission for Higher Education has created and built out multiple new programs to appeal directly to younger students.

The state recently expanded its 21st Century Scholars Program, which provides need-based financial aid to Indiana students attending state and some private colleges. The scholarship covers up to 100% of tuition costs for students who typically earn [free and reduced lunch](#).

In the 2027 cohort, 19,000 students self-enrolled before the new law took effect, according to CHE. After switching to automatic enrollment, that number grew to nearly 46,000. Currently, the 2028 cohort has over 50,000 enrolled.

Also continuing this fall is [Indiana’s Pre-Admissions program](#) that matches students to colleges based on standardized test performance and GPA.

Through a partnership with 39 of Indiana’s higher education institutions — 16 public and 23 private campuses — the commission will ensure students gain “pre-admission” letters from at least three schools.

CHE officials said this month that about 67,000 high school seniors should receive information this fall on which Indiana colleges they qualify for — up from roughly 56,000 students in 2023.

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As for FAFSA, federal education officials said a test of the new form will go live Oct. 1 for a limited number of students and institutions. The phased approach is aimed at ensuring complete functionality when the form fully launches, officials said in a news release.

It’s not yet certain how many Hoosier students will be able to participate in beta testing; the education department is still [recruiting](#) high schools and colleges that are interested in early FAFSA trials.