# Proposal:

To approve the development of a Certificate of Proficiency in Banking and Finance

#### Rational:

Ozarka College should move forward in developing a Certificate of Proficiency in Banking and Finance for these primary reasons:

- Ozarka College needs to expand its technical program offerings to provide skills for jobs that are available in the service area.
- The Ozarka College Business Advisory Board and local banks expressed a
  desire for potential employees with a working knowledge of the banking and
  finance industry within our service area.

We will continue to explore the need with regional employers and begin to develop the curriculum. The next step is to submit a Letter of Intent to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Prior to submission to the ADHE Coordinating Board the local board of trustees must approve the development of a program. Prior to implementing the program, the costs of the program, program related facility needs, and projected enrollment will be discussed with the Board of Trustees.

### Motion for Consideration:

The Board of Trustees approves the development of a Certificate of Proficiency in Banking and Finance.

# Proposal:

To approve the development of a Technical Certificate and Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Technology.

#### Rational:

Ozarka College should move forward in developing a Technical Certificate and Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Technology for these primary reasons:

- Ozarka College needs to expand its technical program offerings to provide skills for jobs that are available in the service area.
- The Ozarka College Automotive Advisory Board expressed a need for diesel technology in our service area.

We will continue to explore the need with regional employers and begin to develop the curriculum. The next step is to submit a Letter of Intent to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Prior to submission to the ADHE Coordinating Board the local board of trustees must approve the development of a program. Prior to implementing the program, the costs of the program, program related facility needs, and projected enrollment will be discussed with the Board of Trustees.

### Motion for Consideration:

The Board of Trustees approves the development of a Technical Certificate and AAS in Diesel Technology.

# Proposal:

To approve the development of a Certificate of Proficiency in Medical Office Administration

#### Rational:

Ozarka College should move forward in developing a Certificate of Proficiency in Medical Office Administration for these primary reasons:

- Ozarka College needs to expand its technical program offerings to provide skills for jobs that are available in the service area.
- The Ozarka College Allied Health Advisory Board said there was a need for potential employees with a working knowledge of medical office administration in our service area.

We will continue to explore the need with regional employers and begin to develop the curriculum. The next step is to submit a Letter of Intent to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Prior to submission to the ADHE Coordinating Board the local board of trustees must approve the development of a program. Prior to implementing the program, the costs of the program, program related facility needs, and projected enrollment will be discussed with the Board of Trustees.

# Motion for Consideration:

The Board of Trustees approves the development of a Certificate of Proficiency in Medical Office Administration.

# Proposal:

To approve the development of a Certificate of Proficiency and Associate of Applied Science in Corrections

#### Rational:

Ozarka College should move forward in developing a Certificate of Proficiency and Associate of Applied Science in Corrections for these primary reasons:

- Ozarka College needs to expand its technical program offerings to provide skills for jobs that are available in the service area.
- The Arkansas Department of Career Education stated there was growing need for qualified candidates for the Corrections Officer Academy throughout the state. Because of this conversation, Dr. DeLong and Mr. Orf met with the Director of Human Resources for the Department of Corrections to discuss the severe shortage of qualified candidates for their academy and the potential of Ozarka fulfilling that need. The Director was eager for us to get started and offered assistance if needed. Ozarka College would be the only institution in North Arkansas to have this program.

We will continue to explore the need with regional employers and begin to develop the curriculum. The next step is to submit a Letter of Intent to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Prior to submission to the ADHE Coordinating Board the local board of trustees must approve the development of a program. Prior to implementing the program, the costs of the program, program related facility needs, and projected enrollment will be discussed with the Board of Trustees.

#### Motion for Consideration:

The Board of Trustees approves the development of a Certificate of Proficiency and AAS in Corrections.