



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech

SUBJECT: The College of Staten Island of the City University of New York: Authorization to Award the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) Degree

DATE: October 11, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Should the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York to confer the additional degree of Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) at the College of Staten Island of the City University of New York?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its October 2013 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

At its June 2013 meeting, The City University Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing the College of Staten Island to offer an M.S.W. program in Social Work. The Department received CUNY's request on June 25, 2013.

Background Information

Paragraph (8) of Section 6206 of the Education Law authorizes the CUNY trustees to: "...grant the certificates, diplomas and degrees which were announced in

the bulletins of the existing public institutions of higher learning published for the term beginning immediately prior to April sixteenth, nineteen hundred twenty-six, and also such other degrees and honors as the Regents thereafter specifically authorized or may hereafter authorize it to grant.”

Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents the College of Staten Island’s first use of the Master of Social Work degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the M.S.W. degree. Master plan amendment is not needed because the College already offers master’s degree-level programs in the disciplinary area of Social Sciences.

At the College of Staten Island, the Trustees are authorized to award the degrees of Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. in Ed.), and the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.). The College of Staten Island offers programs in the discipline areas of the Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, the Fine Arts, the Health Professions, the Humanities, the Physical Sciences, and the Social Sciences.

An academic review of faculty, curriculum, and other critical program aspects has been completed by the Department. The Department has determined that the program meets the standards as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the CUNY Board of Trustees to award the degree of Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) on duly qualified students successfully completing registered M.S.W. programs at the College of Staten Island effective October 22, 2013.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve the degree authorization, the Department will register the program and the institution will proceed to recruit and enroll students.