



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: D'Youville College: Master Plan Amendment to offer a Master of Science in Anatomy Program

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment for D'Youville College to offer a Master of Science in Anatomy program?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by state statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its November 2015 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

D'Youville College submitted a proposal for a program in Anatomy leading to a Master of Science degree. The proposed program requires a master plan amendment because it would be the College's first masters-level program in the discipline of Biological Sciences.

Background Information

The mission of D'Youville College is to provide academic and professional development in curricula that emphasize leadership and service so that students contribute to the world community. The proposed program in Anatomy is intended to be an important component of the College's health sciences program. In accordance with its mission, the M.S. in Anatomy is proposed to meet three broad purposes:

1. To provide an academic bridge for students with a bachelor's degree that wish to enhance their application to an advanced degree program.
2. To enrich the knowledge of those with a health science degree that are looking to specialize in a medical field; and
3. To enable a Ph.D. or instructor in biological sciences, or a health science professional to competently teach anatomy.

The proposed program is designed as a 30 credit intensive study of anatomy and the current techniques being used in research. The proposed program consists of 23 credit hours of in-depth training in the disciplines of anatomy and an additional 7 credit hours allotted to research methods. Graduate physiology and diagnostic imaging courses are also available as electives.

The College anticipates enrolling five students during the first year and plans to increase the enrollment by five students each year until the total enrollment is maintained at 20 students.

After departmental review, the Office of College and University Evaluation (OCUE) determined that the program meets all standards for registration. In addition, the proposal has been reviewed by an external peer expert who provided overall positive comments about the proposed program. As part of the master planning process, the Department canvassed institutions of higher education in the Western New York region. No objections or statements of negative impact were received.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize D'Youville College to offer a program in Anatomy leading to a Master of Science degree. The amendment will be effective until November 17, 2016, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case master plan amendment shall be without term.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will register the program.