



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: The State University of New York Monroe Community College, Damon City campus – Master Plan Amendment for Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Child Care Practitioner

DATE: November 3, 2016

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment for the State University of New York in order for Monroe Community College to offer its first program in the Education discipline, an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Child Care Practitioner, at the Damon City campus?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its November 2016 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

On June 22, 2016, the State University of New York Board of Trustees adopted a resolution directing the SUNY Chancellor to seek the authorization of the Board of Regents to amend the State University of New York master plan to authorize Monroe Community College to offer the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Child Care Practitioner at the Damon City campus. Master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the first associate level degree program in the discipline area of Education at the Damon City campus.

Background Information

The State University of New York (SUNY) seeks approval to authorize Monroe Community College to offer the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Child Care Practitioner at the Damon City campus. The proposed program represents the College's first associate level program in Education at the Damon City campus. The SUNY Board of Trustees adopted a resolution approving the amendment of the SUNY master plan. Monroe Community College submitted a proposal to the Department for an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Child Care Practitioner.

The proposed 61-credit hour A.A.S. in Child Care Practitioner is "consistent with SUNY's focus on clinically rich teacher preparation," and includes "courses that focus on developmentally appropriate practice for young children, early childhood quality practices for professionals, infant and toddler development, and issues in child development and health" and "180 hours of field experience in a licensed child care center or Head Start facility." The proposed program is not intended to prepare students for transfer or teacher certification, but the curriculum meets a minimum of 24 credits in SUNY General Education, which will facilitate transfer for students who choose to pursue further study in education programs. The program was designed with input from local child care centers and baccalaureate programs to ensure alignment with needed training requirements.

An academic review of faculty, curriculum and other crucial program aspects of the proposed degree program has been completed by the Department. The Department has determined that the proposed degree program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. In addition, in September 2016, following its standard protocol, the Department canvassed the degree-granting institutions in the Regents region where the proposed branch campus would be located (the Finger Lakes Region). Two institutions responded; neither objected.

Related Regents Items

N/A

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve an amendment to the State University of New York master plan authorizing Monroe Community College to offer its first program in the Education discipline, an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Child Care Practitioner, at the Damon City campus. The amendment will be effective until November 15, 2017, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case master plan amendment shall be without term.

Timetable for Implementation

Amendments to the State University of New York master plan require approval by the Governor. If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will forward the amendment to the Governor for approval. Upon gubernatorial approval, the Department will register the program.