



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: The City University of New York Baruch College: Regents Authorization to award the Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.) Degree

DATE: January 4, 2016

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents authorize The City University of New York (CUNY) Baruch College to award the Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.) degree?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its January 2016 meeting for action.

Procedural History

At their October 2015 meeting, the CUNY Board of Trustees adopted a resolution directing the CUNY Chancellor to seek the authorization of the Board of Regents for CUNY Baruch College to confer the degree of Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.).

Background Information

New York State Education Law Article 125 Section 6206 Paragraph 8 authorizes the CUNY Board of Trustees:

The board of trustees shall, on the recommendation of its faculty or faculties, 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.

At CUNY Baruch College, the Trustees are currently authorized to confer degrees at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels on students successfully completing the respective registered programs leading to those degrees, including the Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. Ed.), and Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.).

The Trustees now request that the Regents authorize CUNY Baruch College to offer a Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.). Master plan amendment is not needed because the College already offers masters-level programs. However, Regents authorization is required because this will be the College's first Master of International Affairs degree program.

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, the institution had a review conducted by an external expert in the discipline of international affairs. The external review was positive.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize the CUNY Board of Trustees to award the Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.) degree on students who successfully complete registered programs at CUNY Baruch College effective January 12, 2016.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents authorizes CUNY Baruch College to award the Master of International Affairs degree, the Department will proceed to register the International Affairs program leading to the degree and the institution will proceed to recruit and register students.