





TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College; Globe Institute of Technology; and Elim Bible Institute and College

DATE: November 30, 2017

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing programs at Dowling College; Globe Institute of Technology; and Elim Bible Institute and College?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its December 2017 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

Background Information

Section 208 of the Education Law gives the Regents the authority to make awards in certain circumstances.

Dowling College

Dowling College, which was located at 150 Idle Hour Boulevard in Oakdale, New York, was granted an absolute charter by the Board of Regents on September 27, 1968. On August 31, 2016, Dowling College closed. In order to hold students harmless, the Department recommends that the Board of Regents award degrees to eligible students

who complete the requirements for their Dowling degree programs. Former Dowling College students may apply for a Regents diploma if they meet all of the following criteria: were enrolled in Dowling College at the time of its closure; had 15 credits or less remaining to complete their registered Dowling program; are able to complete those credits at other colleges within three years from the closure of Dowling College (i.e., by August 31, 2019); and apply to the New York State Education Department no later than December 31, 2019.

Globe Institute of Technology

Globe Institute of Technology was located at 500 Seventh Avenue in New York City. The Institute's temporary degree authority expired on June 30, 2016, and the institution failed to apply for an extension of that degree authority. Globe subsequently closed in September 2016. In order to hold students harmless, the Department recommends that the Regents award degrees to eligible students who completed the requirements for their Globe degree programs. Former Globe students may apply for a Regents diploma if they meet all of the following criteria: were enrolled in the Institute at the time of its closure; had 15 credits or less remaining to complete their registered Globe program; complete those credits at other colleges within three years from the Institute's closure (i.e., by September 15, 2019); and apply to the New York State Education Department no later than December 31, 2019.

Elim Bible Institute and College

Elim Bible Institute, Inc., located in Lima, NY, was established in 1924. During the first 88 years of its existence, Elim Bible Institute, Inc. was a non-degree institution, offering a three-year, non-credit diploma in Biblical Studies and a variety of one-year, non-credit certificates. The institution submitted a petition for a provisional charter in 2010, seeking authorization to award the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree. Following the customary review process, including an on-site peer review visit, the Regents granted a provisional charter to the institution, under the name Elim Bible Institute and College, in September 2012. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on the College's behalf.

The conferral process consists of the following steps:

- For active institutions, the institution sends the Department a list of candidates, official transcripts, and its official catalog. If the institution is closed, candidates apply directly to the Department.
- Transcripts are compared to the requirements of the registered program to ensure that candidates have met all requirements before a recommendation is made to confer the award. When this step is completed, a petition is prepared for Regents action.
- At the same time the petition is prepared for Regents action, Department staff notify the institution which candidates have met the requirements for the degree.

- After the Regents have acted on the petition, Department staff notify the institution of the Regents action.
- When the awards are conferred, active institutions prepare diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed, along with the signatures of appropriate officers at the institution.
- Institution-signed diplomas are sent to the Department for the imprinting of the signatures of the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the President of USNY (Commissioner of Education) and the affixing of the official Board of Regents seal to each diploma.
- Once the diplomas have the signatures of the Chancellor and the President of USNY and the official Regents seal, the diplomas are mailed back to the institution, completing the process.
- For conferral of awards for closed institutions, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and award, and it mails the signed diplomas to the students.

Related Regents Items

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/917brca1.pdf>

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/617brca3.pdf>

Recommendation

VOTED, That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for registered degree programs at Dowling College; Globe Institute of Technology; and Elim Bible Institute and College the respective degrees as listed below:

Dowling College

The following students have completed the requirements for their respective awards as indicated:

Master of Science (M.S.)

Guinta, Christina Marie

Skidmore, Erin A.

Vella, Suzanne Joseph

Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.)

Jahanmir, Lyssa F.

Snyder, Christopher Thomas

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

George, Anthony Joseph

Advanced Certificate
Coggiano III, Anthony

Globe Institute of Technology

The following student has completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) award:

Juncaj, Preka

The following student has completed the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) award:

Raad, Joseph G.

Elim Bible Institute and College

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) award:

Auker, Holly J.
Aument, Lenita E.H.
Bhujel, Ram Chandra
Brecht, Victoria Elise
Brich, Tyler C.
Caballero Peredo, Fernando Javier
Carter, Kristina Ceara
Czysz, Kerina Starr
Forster, Aaron James
Garcia, Khrista Rebecca
Gorog, Ethan Emerich
Gudiwada, Nikhil John
Guilzon, Benjamin Mark
Hunt, Nicole Kristine
Jangam, Prasanna Kumar
Johnston, Jennifer Mildred
Kaiser, Jillian Grace
Khadka, Bijaya
Kryva, Kseniia
Lauffenburger, Jessica Grace
Luffy, Stephen Matthew
Lynn, Luke Edward
Marchitell, Jacob A.
Markova, Yoana Marcheva
Miller, Emily Ruth
Nantongo, Sylvia Karen
Ortiz, Marlanie Ann
Piontek, Keith A.

Puddington, Meghan Grace
Quick, Stephen Anthony
Schlager, Eli N.
Smales, Mariah Joy
Sotelo, Christopher Luke
Sterlace, Sarah Reneé
Sylvester, Christian James
Thorpe, Meredith Joy
VanSanten, Jeremy E.
Winheld, Abigail J.