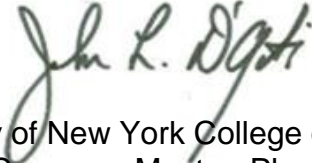





TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: State University of New York College of Technology at Alfred, Alfred Campus: Master Plan Amendment to offer the Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.) in Agricultural Entrepreneurship program

DATE: November 29, 2018

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 College of Technology at Alfred to offer a program in Agricultural Entrepreneurship leading to a Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) degree at the Alfred campus, the College's first baccalaureate program in the discipline area of Agriculture?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its December 2018 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

On May 3, 2018, 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 State University of New York College of Technology at Alfred to offer the Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.) degree in Agricultural Business to be offered at the Alfred campus. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program represents the first baccalaureate level program in the discipline area of Agriculture at the Alfred Campus.

Background Information

The State University of New York (SUNY) seeks approval to authorize SUNY College of Technology at Alfred to offer a program in Agricultural Entrepreneurship leading to a Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.) degree.

The purpose of the proposed Bachelor of Technology in Agricultural Entrepreneurship is to educate tomorrow's agricultural entrepreneurs to make local agriculture economically viable through the application of traditional production practices and the development of value-added (VA) products. Students will take production courses to build a strong foundation in agriculture, value-added courses to develop non-traditional agriculture skills, and business courses to understand marketing and financial management. The program will empower and produce graduates primed for success in either improving the profitability of an existing farm or starting a new agricultural venture.

An academic review of the proposed degree program has been completed by the Department. The Department has determined that the proposed program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. In addition, following its standard protocol, the Department canvassed the degree-granting institutions in the Western region. Of those canvassed, there were no objections or statements of negative impact should the program be registered.

Related Regents Item

N/A

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize State University of New York College of Technology at Alfred to offer a program in Agricultural Entrepreneurship, its first baccalaureate level program in the discipline area of Agriculture at the Alfred campus. The amendment will be effective until December 2019, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case the 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.