



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University: Master Plan Amendment to award the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Care Policy

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment for the New York State College of Human Ecology to offer a program in Health Care Policy leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, the College's first program in the discipline of the Health Professions?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

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

Procedural History

The State University of New York (SUNY) submitted a proposal for a program in Health Care Policy leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree to be offered by New York State College of Human Ecology. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program represents the first baccalaureate level program in the discipline of Health Professions at the College.

Background Information

The State University of New York (SUNY) seeks approval to authorize New York State College of Human Ecology to offer a program in Health Care Policy leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S) degree.

The goal of the proposed program is to provide students in-depth training in health policy analysis. The proposed program will require a strong foundation in natural sciences. Students will learn to integrate analytical thinking and research and data analysis skills and will employ theories and methods from economics and demography to analyze health care and policy. Students will learn to apply theories designed to explain the development of government policies addressing health care and how the private health care system interacts with the public sector to affect health. In these ways, students in the proposed program will contribute to the mission of the College - "to improve lives by exploring and shaping human connections to natural, social, and built environments."

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

Related Regents Items

N/A

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize the New York State College of Human Ecology to offer a program in Health Care Policy, its first program in the Health Professions. The amendment will be effective until February 2019, 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.