


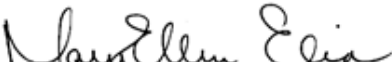


TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: State University of New York College of Technology at Farmingdale: Regents Authorization to award the Master of Science (M.S.) Degree and Master Plan Amendment for an M.S. in Technology Management

DATE: March 14, 2016

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

The State University of New York seeks approval to authorize the State University of New York College of Technology at Farmingdale ("Farmingdale State College") to offer its first program leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, and for master plan amendment to offer a M.S. degree program in Technology Management, which would represent the College's first master's level degree program.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

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

Procedural History

On March 11, 2015, the State University of New York Board of Trustees (the Trustees) adopted a resolution directing the SUNY Chancellor to seek the authorization of the Board of Regents to amend the SUNY master plan to authorize Farmingdale State College to confer the degree of Master of Science (M.S.).

Background Information

The Trustees are currently authorized to confer degrees at the associate and baccalaureate levels on students successfully completing the respective registered programs at the State University of New York College of Technology at Farmingdale. The Trustees now request that the Regents authorize the College to offer a Master of Science (M.S.) in Technology Management program. Master plan amendment is needed because this award represents the College's first master's level degree program.

The Trustee's resolution indicates that the Master of Science (M.S.) degree is consistent with the College's mission and SUNY's mission, and the M.S. in Technology Management supports Power of SUNY strategic goals by "offering a program of study in a high-demand field that allows a diverse set of students to advance their careers, contribute to the advancement of the enterprises that employ SUNY students, and maximize opportunities for applied learning."

The proposed M.S. in Technology Management builds on the undergraduate programs of the College, which are accredited by the Accreditation Board of Engineering Technology (ABET) or the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE), and consists of a twelve-credit core in technology management, nine credits of coursework in one of two tracks (Electrical and Mechanical Technology or Construction Management), three to nine credits of elective courses, and a choice of either a three-credit capstone master's project or a six-credit master's thesis.

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. As part of the master planning process, the Department canvassed institutions in the Regents Region where the proposed program would be offered (Long Island). The Department received no responses to the canvass.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize the State University of New York College of Technology at Farmingdale to award the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, and approve an amendment to the SUNY master plan for the College to offer a M.S. degree program in Technology Management. The amendment will be effective until December 31, 2016, 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 SUNY master plan require approval by the Governor. If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment and authorizes the State University of New York College of Technology at Farmingdale to award the Master of Science degree, the Department will send it to the Governor for approval. Upon gubernatorial approval, the Department will register the program.