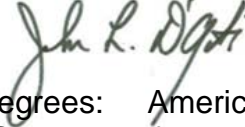


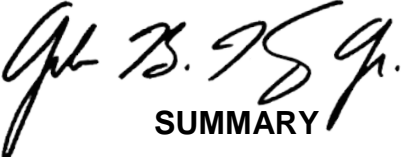


TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: American Museum of Natural History, Bethel Seminary of the East and New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture

DATE: September 9, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing programs at American Museum of Natural History, Bethel Seminary of the East and New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture?

Reason for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its September 2013 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Background Information

In 2012, the American Museum of Natural History applied for and was awarded a Graduate Level Clinically Rich Teacher Preparation Pilot Program grant in response to the Museum's request to offer a program (Earth Science Teaching Residency 7-12) to prepare candidates for initial/professional teacher certification. The Museum does not have authority to award one of the specialized degrees described in the regulations governing the pilot programs. In such cases, the regulations authorize the Board of Regents to award the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) to program graduates.

Both Bethel Seminary of the East and the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture hold provisional charters issued by the Board of Regents. Section 224 of the Education Law requires the Board of Regents to award degrees on behalf of institutions that hold provisional charters.

The degree-conferral process consists of the following steps:

- The institution sends the Department a list of candidates and the official transcripts.
- The institution also sends its official handbook that states the specific requirements for the degree. This is checked against the original program registration to ensure that the program provided is the same as the program that was approved.
- Transcripts are cross referenced with program requirements to ensure that candidates have first met all of the degree requirements prior to making a recommendation to confer the degree, and a petition is prepared for Regents action.
- At the same time that a petition is prepared for Regents action, Department staff will review the transcripts and notify the institution which candidates for the degrees have met the requirements.
- After the Regents act on the petition, Department staff will notify the institution of the Regents action.
- When the degrees are conferred, the institution then prepares diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed and the required signatures at their institution (e.g., President, Chairman of the Board, Dean, etc.).
- Diplomas are then mailed to Department staff for imprinting of signatures of the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the President of the USNY and the affixing of the official Regents seal to each diploma.
- The diplomas are mailed back to the institution thereby completing the process.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents confer upon the individuals listed, who have completed the requirements for their registered degree program at American Museum of Natural History, Bethel Seminary of the East and New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture, the respective degrees as listed.

American Museum of Natural History

The 36 credit clinically rich Earth Science Teaching Residency 7-12 program follows a team-based, theory and practice approach to course design and teaching, with significant mentoring. In addition to a full academic year of residency in partnering high-need public schools, the program provides candidates two AMNH-based clinical summer residencies. All courses are taught by doctoral-level faculty educators and/or scientists. To support candidates and strengthen retention, in addition to the strong mentoring, AMNH provides a two-year induction program that gives program graduates ongoing support.

AMNH is not authorized in its charter to award the M.A.T. degree; however Commissioner's Regulations [Subchapter A. Part 52. Section 52.21 (b)(5)(iv)(d)] permits the Board of Regents to confer the Master of Arts in Teaching degree to graduate level clinically teacher preparation pilot program completers provided the program remains in good standing.

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T)

1. Beauzile, Wilfrid
2. Blair, Duncan
3. Clark, John P.
4. Clarke, Karl C.
5. Cubelo, Christopher M.
6. DeCosta, Jasmine Cheriche
7. Hlinka, Lisa D.
8. Jones, Victoria P.
9. Lapenta, Kristen E.
10. Lee, Christina
11. Lyons, Tyler
12. McFadden, Sean P.
13. Nesheim, Andrew O.
14. Piscitello, Bart F.
15. Rowitt, John Joseph
16. Sherman, Reid J.
17. Shumer, Melissa
18. Viderman, Yevgeniy
19. Warner, Catherine
20. Whelan, Todd R.

Bethel Seminary of the East

Bethel Seminary of the East is a provisionally chartered institution which is in the process of closing its New York campus. Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on behalf of provisionally chartered institutions.

Master of Divinity (M. Div.)

10. Chen, Timothy T.¹

Master of Arts (M.A.)

11. Gysbers, Walter
12. Lau, Ka-Fai
13. Morrison-Thomas, Carlene E.
14. Varghese, Justin

New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture

New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents on May 20, 2008, authorizing the School to confer the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree. Until the Regents grant New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture an absolute charter, all academic awards are to be conferred on graduates by the Board of Regents.

Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.)

110. Cambilargiu, Francoise
111. Fernandez de Henestrosa, Mariano
112. Ghatak, Shruti
113. Hency, Holly Ruth
114. Millet-Sorsa, Amanda
115. Nickson, Nicolai
116. Nili, Sara
117. Raab, Leah
118. Roman-Viteri, Jimena
119. Rubinstein, Ashlee
120. Saar, Shany
121. Stavovy, Thomas
122. Stephenson, Amanda
123. Yoshida, Takuya

¹ Note: Numbers are indicative of the amount of degrees conferred to date for each institution by the Board of Regents. Therefore, numbering does not start at one because degrees were conferred through previous Regents items.