



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College, New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture and Glasgow Caledonian New York College

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing programs at Dowling College, New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture and Glasgow Caledonian New York College?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its September 2019 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. By statute and regulation, institutions of higher education that have provisional charters do not have authority to award degrees. Until such time as a charter is made absolute, the Board of Regents awards degrees on behalf of provisionally chartered institutions. In the case of closed institutions of higher education, in order to hold students harmless, the Board of Regents awards degrees to eligible students who complete the requirements for their registered degree programs at other institutions, for specified periods of time.

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. 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.

New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture

The 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 (M.F.A.) degree. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires the Board of Regents to award degrees on the School's behalf.

Glasgow Caledonian New York College (GCNYC)

GCNYC, located at 64 Wooster Street, New York, New York, was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents on June 8, 2017. GCNYC offers Master of Science (M.S.) degrees in: 1) Impact-Focused Business and Investing; 2) International Fashion Marketing; and 3) Risk, Opportunity, and Resilience.

The conferral process consists of the following steps:

For provisionally chartered institutions:

- The institution sends the Department a request for conferral of degrees to students who have completed their registered programs.
- The Department reviews the relevant documentation provided by the institution to assure its accuracy. (This step may involve multiple communications with an institution depending upon the accuracy and completeness of the documentation provided.)
- The Department prepares a degree conferral item for Regents action that lists all candidates and the degrees earned.
- After the Regents have voted to confer the degrees, Department staff notify the institution of the Regents action. The institution prepares 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, to be provided to the students.

For closed institutions:

- The student submits to the Department, official transcripts from the closed institution and any other institution at which the student earned credit toward the degree.
- The Department reviews the transcripts and compares the completed courses to the requirements of the registered program at the closed institution.
- Upon a determination that the student has completed the program requirements, the Department prepares a degree conferral item for Regents action that lists all candidates and the degrees earned.
- After the Regents have voted to confer the degrees, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and award, the diplomas are signed by the Chancellor and the President of USNY (Commissioner of Education) and the official Regents seal is affixed.
- The completed diplomas are sent to the students by the Department.

Related Regents Items

- [January 2019:](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/119brca2.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/119brca2.pdf>
[February 2019:](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/219brca2.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/219brca2.pdf>
[December 2018:](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1218brca5.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1218brca5.pdf>
[November 2018:](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1118brca1.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1118brca1.pdf>
[October 2018:](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1018brca3.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1018brca3.pdf>
[September 2018:](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/918brca2.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/918brca2.pdf>
[July 2018:](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/718brca14.pdf) <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/718brca14.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, The New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture and Glasgow Caledonian New York College respective degree as listed below:

Dowling College

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

Master of Science (M.S.)

Cagliano, Michelle M.
Cannon, Jaclyn Whitney

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Benizzi, Diane M.

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

Grant, Robert
Thavenius, Matthew John

New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting, & Sculpture

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) award:

Baker, Charity Lynn
Bindell, Binah W.
Cittadini, Carlo
Cuilan, Emilio Jacob
Drewitt, Jennifer Margaret
Heijnen, Yolande
Jiménez-Cerdanya, Eva
Luchik, Brendan
Magbee, Laura
Matsson, Madeleine Fia
McGovern, Georgia D.
Pang, Misato
Polubiec, Michael James
Weil, Laura

Glasgow Caledonian New York

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Science (M.S.) award:

Adepoju, Damilola
Decolli, Brittany
Gabriel, Michelle Blair
Hickey, Leigh
Mastrarrigo, Julie
Neustadt, Miriam

Scotch, Mariza
Wong, Lorenza Lecaroz