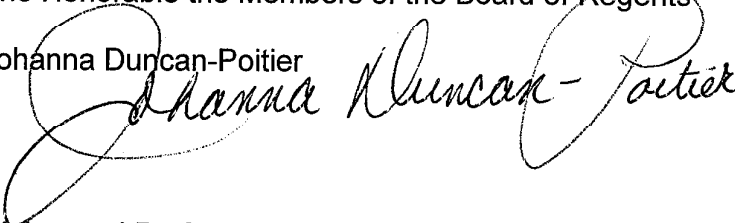




TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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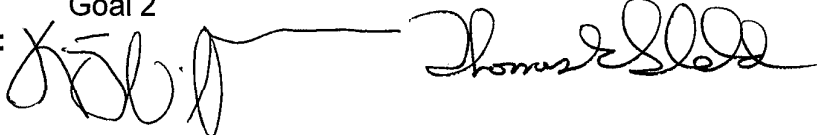
TITLE OF ITEM: Proposed Amendment to the Rules of the Board of Regents
Relating to the Authorization of Degrees

DATE OF SUBMISSION: February 24, 2003

PROPOSED HANDLING: Discussion

RATIONALE FOR ITEM: To Implement Policy

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 2

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY:

Attached for discussion is a proposed amendment to paragraph (4) of subdivision (c) of section 3.47 and paragraph (29) of subdivision (b) of section 3.50 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, relating to the authorization of degrees. Supporting materials for the proposed amendment are available on request from the Secretary to the Board of Regents.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to authorize the conferral in New York State of the degree, Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.), for completion of a baccalaureate program in social work. The proposed amendment arose from a request by Adelphi University to confer this degree. The degree is commonly used in other states, and the amendment will benefit students in New York by affording them the opportunity to earn a baccalaureate degree that is specific to the field of social work. The State Board for Social Work supports the authorization of this new degree title. In addition, both the New York State Social Work Education Association and the New York State Association of Deans of Social Work Schools support the amendment.

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making concerning the proposed amendment was published in the State Register on February 12, 2003. It is recommended that formal action on the proposed amendment be taken at the April 2003 meeting of the Board of Regents.

Attachment

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Pursuant to sections 207, 210, 218, and 224 of the
Education Law.

1. Paragraph (4) of subdivision (c) of section 3.47 of the
Rules of the Board of Regents is amended, effective May 22,
2003, as follows:

(4) One quarter of the work for the following specialized
degrees shall be in the liberal arts and sciences:

Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)

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

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.)

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)

Bachelor of Industrial Design (B.I.D.)

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (B.L.A.)

Bachelor of Music (Mus.B. or B.M.)

Bachelor of Planning (B.Plan.)

Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.)

Bachelor of Religious Education (B.R.E.)

Bachelor of Sacred Music (S.M.B.)

Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.)

Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)

Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.)

Bachelor of Theology (Th.B.)

2. Paragraph (29) of subdivision (b) of section 3.50 of the Rules of the Board of Regents is amended, effective May 22, 2003, as follows:

(29) Social Work:

Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

Doctor of Social Welfare (D.S.W.)