



To: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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Subject: Berkeley College: Regents Authorization to authorize the College to award the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree at its Brooklyn branch campus

Date: June 11, 2012

Authorizations: 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents authorize Berkeley College to award the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree at its branch campus in Brooklyn?

Reason for Consideration

Required by State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its June 2012 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

In February 2012, Berkeley College submitted a proposal to offer a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Legal Studies at the College's Brooklyn branch campus. The Department has determined that the proposed program meets registration standards.

Regents authorization is required because the College's branch campus in Brooklyn is not currently authorized to award the degree title.

Background Information

Berkeley College is a proprietary college founded in 1931. Its main campus is located in midtown Manhattan. It has branch campuses in Brooklyn and White Plains, and an extension center in lower Manhattan. Its mission is “to empower students to achieve professional and personal success in dynamic careers and in a diverse global society by providing a comprehensive and supportive educational experience, fostering academic integrity, and encouraging lifelong learning.” It currently offers baccalaureate, associate and certificate programs in the disciplines of Business and Social Sciences.

In October 2010, the New York State Board of Regents authorized Berkeley College to open a branch campus at 255 Duffield Street in Brooklyn, and to offer B.B.A. programs in General Business and in Management at the branch. Regents authorization to award the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree at the Brooklyn branch campus is required because Berkeley is not currently authorized to award that degree title at the branch. Master plan amendment is not needed because the College already offers baccalaureate degree programs in the discipline area of Business at the Brooklyn branch campus.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize Berkeley College to confer the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree on students successfully completing registered programs at the College’s branch campus in Brooklyn.