





TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech 

SUBJECT: City University of New York College of Staten Island:
Authorization to Award the Master of Engineering Degree

DATE: December 29, 2016

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents authorize the City University of New York College of Staten Island to Award the Master of Engineering (M.E.) Degree?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its January 2017 meeting for action.

Procedural History

At its meeting on May 2, 2016, the City University Board of Trustees authorized the College of Staten Island to confer the M.E. degree.

Background Information

The Trustees are currently authorized to confer degrees at the associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels on students successfully completing the respective registered programs at the City University of New York College at Staten Island, including Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. in Ed.), Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.), Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.), etc.

The Trustees now request that the Regents authorize the City University of New York College of Staten Island to offer an M.E. degree. Master plan amendment is exempted because the College already offers bachelor's programs in the same field (electrical engineering) associated with this request. However, Regents authorization for the degree is required as the M.E. degree represents the College's first use of this degree title.

The proposed M.E. program in electrical engineering is consistent with the mission of the City University of New York College of Staten Island—helping its students fulfill their creative, aesthetic, and educational aspirations through competitive and rigorous undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The program will provide students with the skills and expertise necessary to pursue careers in industries such as telecommunications, smart infrastructure, information technology and other enterprises in which electronics, data systems, and sensor technology play pivotal roles.

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.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the State University of New York Board of Trustees to award the M.E. degree on students who successfully complete registered M.E. programs at the City University of New York College of Staten Island effective January 10, 2017.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents authorizes the City University of New York College of Staten Island to award the M.E. degree, the Department will proceed to register the M.E. program and the College will proceed to recruit and enroll students.