



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: The State University of New York at Binghamton:
Authorization to Award the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree

DATE: December 1, 2016

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents authorize the State University of New York at Binghamton to award the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its December 2016 meeting for action.

Procedural History

At its meeting on March 11, 2015, the State University Board of Trustees authorized SUNY Binghamton to confer the Pharm.D. degree, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

Background Information

The Trustees are currently authorized to confer degrees at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels on students successfully completing the respective registered programs at the State University of New York at Binghamton, including Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Professional Studies (D.P.S.), Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), etc.

The Trustees now request that the Regents authorize the State University of New York at Binghamton to offer a Pharm.D. degree. Master plan amendment is not needed because the University already offers doctoral-level programs in the health professions. However, Regents authorization is required as the Pharm.D. degree represents the University's first use of this degree title.

The proposed Pharm.D. program is consistent with the mission of the State University of New York at Binghamton—enriching the lives of people in the region, state, nation and world through discovery and education and to being enriched by partnerships with those communities. The program will enhance and expand the campus's research in the life sciences and will provide training for pharmacy professionals, specifically preparing graduates to serve an aging population with special attention to rural needs.

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. In addition, staff members participated in the precandidate accreditation site visit conducted by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The ACPE findings were positive.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the State University of New York Board of Trustees to award the Pharm.D. degree on students who successfully complete registered Pharm.D. programs at the State University of New York at Binghamton effective December 13, 2016.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents authorizes the State University of New York at Binghamton to award the Pharm.D. degree, the Department will proceed to register the Pharm. D. program once the program receives precandidate status from ACPE.