



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** John L. D'Agati *John L. D'Agati*  
**SUBJECT:** State University College at Buffalo: Regents Authorization to award the Master of Music (Mus.M.) Degree

**DATE:** February 4, 2013

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

*John L. D'Agati*  
SUMMARY

**Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents authorize the State University College at Buffalo to award the Master of Music (Mus. M.) degree?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

**Proposed Handling**

The question will come before the full Board at its February 2013 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Procedural History**

The State University of New York Board of Trustees adopted a resolution directing the SUNY *Chancellor to seek the authorization of the Board of Regents for the State University College at Buffalo to confer the degree of Master of Music (Mus. M.).*

At the State University College at Buffalo, the Trustees are authorized to confer Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.), Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.), Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S. in Ed), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Music (Mus. B), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.), Master of Arts in

Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. in Ed.), Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) and Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degrees on students successfully completing registered programs. SUC Buffalo now seeks to offer a Master of Music program in Music Education. Regents authorization is required because this will be the College's first Master of Music (Mus. M.) degree program.

The Trustee resolution indicates that the Master of Music degree is consistent with the mission of Buffalo State College and is aligned with *The Power of SUNY* strategic initiatives, as it enhances the intellectual and professional growth of students in the area of music education which has been offered at the college at the bachelor's level for many years, and is the logical progression from the Mus. B. for music education professionals, thus supporting the development of highly effective teachers

### **Background Information**

Paragraph (f) of subdivision (2) of §355 of the Education Law authorizes the State University Board of Trustees:

To grant all degrees, diplomas and certificates which heretofore [i.e., July 1, 1948] have been granted or have been authorized to be granted upon the completion of courses of study in any state-operated institution which now is or hereafter may be in the state university, prior to the acquisition of such institution by the state university, and also such other degrees as the regents may hereafter specifically authorize them to grant.

The Department received from the State University of New York a proposal requesting to register a Master of Music (Mus. M.) degree program in Music Education. This would be the College's first degree program leading to the Master of Music. Master plan amendment is not needed because the College has offered master's programs in the disciplinary area of education for more than 30 years. In addition, the College has offered a baccalaureate program in music for more than 40 years. An academic program review of faculty, curriculum and other critical program aspects has been completed by the Department.

The Department has determined that the program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. In addition, the institution had a program review conducted by an external expert in the field of music education. The review was favorable.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the State University of New York Board of Trustees to award the Master of Music (Mus. M.) degree on students successfully completing registered programs at the State University College at Buffalo effective February 12, 2013.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents authorizes the State University College at Buffalo to award the Master of Music degree, the Department will proceed to register the Music Education program leading to the Master of Music degree and the institution will proceed to recruit and enroll students.