



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech

**SUBJECT:** Master Plan Amendment: CUNY City College,  
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program in Psychology-  
Clinical

**DATE:** February 1, 2018

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents approve an amendment to the master plan of the City University of New York which authorizes CUNY City College to offer the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in Psychology-Clinical?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its February 2018 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Procedural History**

At its June 2017 meeting, the City University Board of Trustees approved a resolution to offer a doctoral (Ph.D.) program in Psychology-Clinical at CUNY City College. Master plan amendment is required because this would be CUNY City College's first doctoral level program in the discipline of social sciences.

## **Background Information**

The Ph.D. program in Psychology-Clinical has been offered at CUNY City College since 1980, although the administrative operation of the program has been at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center. At the time of the program's inception, the CUNY Graduate School and University Center was granted degree-granting authority for all doctoral programs in CUNY. Over the past decade, the University has made the strategic decision to transfer the professional doctoral programs to the senior campuses that provide most of the teaching and administrative resources for the program. This request to transfer the Ph.D. program in Psychology-Clinical from CUNY Graduate School and University Center to CUNY City College is a result of that decision.

CUNY City College currently offers doctoral programs in the disciplines of biological sciences and engineering. The College also currently offers baccalaureate and graduate programs in psychology, a subcategory of the social sciences discipline.

The Department has determined that the proposed program meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the amendment to the master plan of the City University of New York authorizing CUNY City College to offer its first doctoral level program in the social sciences disciplinary area, a Ph.D. program in Psychology-Clinical.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will transmit it to the Governor with a recommendation for favorable action. Following gubernatorial approval, the program will be registered and the Ph.D. in Psychology-Clinical registered at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center will be discontinued.