



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

**FROM:** John L. D'Agati 

**SUBJECT:** Hartwick College (Oneonta, New York): Master Plan Amendment to offer a Master of Science degree program in Translational Biomedical Research Management

**DATE:** March 2, 2017

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

#### **SUMMARY**

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

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment for Hartwick College of Oneonta, New York to offer a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Translational Biomedical Research Management?

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

Required by statute.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its March 2017 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Procedural History**

Hartwick College submitted a proposal for a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Translational Biomedical Research Management (TBRM) in March of 2015. The proposed program represents the College's first full master's degree program.

## **Background Information**

Hartwick College of Oneonta, New York, seeks to amend its master plan to allow it to establish a Master of Science (M.S.) program in Translational Biomedical Research. A master plan amendment is required because this would be the College's first program at the master's level. The Regents will consider separately a charter amendment to authorize the College to award the M.S. degree.

The purpose of the TBRM program is to integrate didactic and experiential training in biotechnology, computational, problem-solving, and management methods to prepare versatile, critically-thinking managers and leaders for academic, industrial, and governmental research facilities.

The primary target audience for this program includes those with baccalaureate degrees in the natural/social sciences or health sciences, possessing good oral and written communications skills, and who hold entry-level professional positions in clinical or applied research development. While the M.S. in TBRM is intended primarily as a terminal degree, earning it does not preclude or hinder later pursuit of a doctoral degree in one of the natural or social sciences.

The Office of College and University Evaluation (OCUE) conducted a comprehensive review of this proposed program, which included an extensive readiness review conducted by the College, the proposed program plan, and an external expert peer review. In April 2016, OCUE conducted a canvass of all degree-granting institutions in the Mohawk region. Of those canvassed, there were no objections or statements of negative impact, should the program be registered.

## **Related Regents Items**

N/A

## **Recommendation**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approves a master plan amendment to authorize Hartwick College to offer a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Translational Biomedical Research Management.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

The amendment will be effective until March 14, 2018, unless the Department registers a program prior to that date, in which case master plan amendment shall be without term.