





TO: Higher Education Committee
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SUBJECT: Definition of "University" in New York State
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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Should the Board of Regents consider clarifying for the field the definition of "university" in Section 50.1(l) of the Commissioner's Regulations?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review of Policy

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the Higher Education Committee for discussion at its May 2019 meeting.

Background Information

Section 50.1(l) of Commissioner's Regulations provides the following definition for "university" in New York State:

University means a higher educational institution offering a range of registered undergraduate and graduate curricula in the liberal arts and sciences, degrees in two or more professional fields, and doctoral programs in at least three academic fields.

Department staff will provide information to the members of the Higher Education Committee concerning the need for guidance to the field on the current definition of "university" in Commissioner's Regulations and requests from some New York State Colleges to revise that definition.