



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

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**SUBJECT:** Conferral of Degrees: New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture, and Taylor Business Institute

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### **SUMMARY**

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

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing their program at New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture, and Taylor Business Institute?

#### **Reason for Consideration**

Required by State statute and State regulation.

#### **Proposed Handling**

The question will come before the full Board at its March 2015 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Background Information**

##### **New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis**

The New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (NYGSP) was established by the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis and was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents in 2005, authorizing NYGSP to offer a Master of Arts degree in Psychoanalysis, which prepares students for post-master's licensure-qualifying training: NYGSP does not offer such licensure training. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on its behalf.

## **New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture**

New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents on May 20, 2008, authorizing the School to offer the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Board of Regents award degrees on its behalf.

## **Taylor Business Institute**

Taylor Business Institute was authorized by the Board of Regents on March 24, 1972 to grant the Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.) degree. On September 26, 2006, the New York State Education Department directed Taylor Business Institute to cease operation as of January 12, 2007. The decision to close Taylor and deregister its academic programs was based upon the failure of the Institute to comply with the academic standards in Commissioner's Regulations. The Institute in fact closed in September 2006.

To hold the former Taylor students harmless, the Department took possession of all of the student records from Taylor. Upon request from students who have completed their degree requirements at other institutions, the Department will review the student's record and transcripts and, if a determination is made that the student has met the degree requirements, the Department makes a recommendation to the Regents that the Regents confer the degree for that student.

The degree conferral process consists of the following steps:

- The institution sends the Department a list of candidates and official transcripts.
- The institution also sends its official handbook that states the specific requirements for the degree. This is checked against the original program registration to ensure that the program provided is the same as the program that was approved.
- Transcripts are cross referenced with program requirements to ensure that candidates have met all degree requirements before a recommendation is made to confer the degree. When this step is completed, a petition is prepared for Regents Action.
- At the same time the petition is prepared for Regents action, Department staff notify the institution which candidates have met the requirements for the degree.
- After the Regents have acted on the petition, Department staff notify the institution of the Regents action.
- When the degrees are conferred, the institution prepares diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed and includes the required signatures for their institution (e.g., President, Chairman of the Board.)

- The institution mails the signed diplomas to the Department for the imprinting of the signatures of the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the President of USNY (Commissioner of Education) and the affixing of the official Board of Regents seal to each diploma.
- Once the diplomas have the signatures of the Regents Chancellor and USNY President and the official Regents seal, the diplomas are mailed back to the institution, completing the process.

### **Recommendation**

VOTED, That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for their registered degree program at New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture, and Taylor Business Institute, the respective degrees as listed below:

#### **New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis**

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Arts in Psychoanalysis:

1. Moore, Paul
2. Roséan, Lexa
3. Singh, Manpreet

#### **New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture**

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Fine Arts:

124. Beckwith, Kathryn
125. Bilak, Maryna
126. Bryt, Maud Cinader
127. Harris, Fukuko Yahagi
128. Herrmann, Jeremy Robert
129. Kleinberg, Ariel
130. LaBurn, Sirena Kimiko
131. Malpeso, Karin
132. Manning, Jennifer
133. Sanchez, Agata Andrea
134. Zhang, Yi

#### **Taylor Business Institute:**

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Occupational Studies degree (A.O.S.):

3078. Johnson, Nia