





TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: Elyon College and Taylor Business Institute

DATE: November 9, 2015

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing their program at Elyon College 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 November 2015 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Background Information

Elyon College

Elyon College located at 1400 West Sixth Street in Brooklyn, New York was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents in 2011. Elyon College offers an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree; a Certificate in Accounting and Business Technology; an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree; and a Certificate in Judaic Studies. 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 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' name and degree 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 the University of the State of New York (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 programs at Elyon College and Taylor Business Institute, the respective degrees as listed below:

Elyon College

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.):

1. Belilovsky, Julia
2. Dribinskaya, Nadia
3. Hayes, Lubov
4. Kirsan, Vladiana
5. Loginova, Marina
6. Makarenko, Svetlana
7. Podolyan, Mariya
8. Rudoy, Liya
9. Ryabkin, Roza
10. Zhok, Katriel

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Science (A.S.):

11. Beck, Batsheva B.
12. Feldman, Baila
13. Fishman, Rose
14. Friedman, Gitty
15. Furst, Rivkah Chaya
16. Hager, Elka
17. Kresch, Rivky Ricky
18. Mayer, Dina
19. Mayer, Sussi
20. Nagel, Gitty
21. Ringel, Henny M.
22. Rosenberg, Malka
23. Schimmel, Rachel
24. Schwartz, Faigy
25. Seide, Leah
26. Tobal, Esther
27. Urbach, Tzivia
28. Weingarten, Raiza
29. Weintraub, Chava

Taylor Business Institute:

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

3079. Colon, Jocelyn