



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: New York Institute of Technology, Manhattan
Campus: Master Plan Amendment to offer a Doctor of
Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Computer Science

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment for the New York Institute of Technology to offer a program in Computer Science leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree at the Manhattan Campus, the College's first doctoral program in the discipline area of Physical Sciences?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the Full Board at its November 2019 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

The New York Institute of Technology submitted a proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Computer Science to be offered at the Manhattan Campus. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program represents the first doctoral level program in the discipline area of Physical Sciences at the Institute's Manhattan Campus.

Background Information

The New York Institute of Technology seeks to amend its master plan to allow it to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in Computer Science. The purpose of the proposed Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Computer Sciences program is to educate highly talented students in emerging areas in computer science, including cybersecurity, data science and cloud computing. The program is designed to be rigorous and innovation focused.

The Department determined that the program meets all standards for registration. In September 2019, the Department conducted the required canvass of all the institutions in the New York City region. No objections or statements of negative impact were submitted to the Department.

Related Regents Item

N/A

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize the New York Institute of Technology to offer a program in Computer Science, its first doctoral level program in the discipline area of Physical Sciences at the Institute's Manhattan campus. The amendment will be effective until November 5, 2020, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case the master plan amendment shall be without term.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will register the program and the institution will proceed to recruit and enroll students.