



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: The State University of New York College at Oneonta: Master Plan Amendment to offer a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Exercise Science

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment for the State University of New York College at Oneonta to offer its first program in the discipline of Health Professions, a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Exercise Science.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

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

Procedural History

The State University of New York (SUNY) submitted a proposal for a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Exercise Science at the State University College at Oneonta. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program represents the first baccalaureate level program in the discipline of Health Professions at the College.

Background Information

The State University of New York (SUNY) seeks approval to authorize the State University College at Oneonta to offer a Bachelor of Science (B.S) degree program in Exercise Science.

The purpose of the proposed Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science is to prepare individuals for employment in clinical; commercial fitness; strength and conditioning; cardiac rehabilitation; exercise physiology; and corporate, community and hospital wellness. The proposed program is consistent with SUNY's strategic goals and fosters the mission of the College to unite excellence in teaching, scholarship, civic engagement, and stewardship in creating a student-centered learning environment by preparing graduates to participate effectively in the shift within American health care from treating illness to disease prevention and preventative care.

An academic review of the proposed degree program has been completed by the Department. The Department determined that the proposed program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. In addition, in October 2017, following the standard protocol, the Department conducted a canvass of degree-granting institutions in the Mohawk Valley region. Of those canvassed, there were no objections or statements of negative impact, should the program be registered.

Related Regents Item

N/A

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize the State University of New York College at Oneonta to offer its first program in the Health Professions. The amendment will be effective until December 12, 2018, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case master plan amendment shall be without term.

Timetable for Implementation

Amendments to the State University of New York master plan require approval by the Governor. If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will forward the amendment to the Governor for approval. Upon gubernatorial approval, the Department will register the program.