





TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: Marist College: Regents Authorization to award the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree

DATE: February 1, 2018

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents authorize Marist College to award the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree at its main campus in Poughkeepsie?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its February 2018 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Marist College has submitted a proposal to offer a program in Adolescence and Special Education leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree at its main campus in Poughkeepsie.

A petition to amend Marist College's charter to authorize it to award the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree appears separately on the Board's agenda.

Background Information

Marist College is an independent college founded in 1929 by the Marist Brothers to prepare members of the Institute of the Marist Brothers to teach in the Institute's

secondary schools. In 2005, the Board of Regents authorized the College to confer the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree on students successfully completing registered programs. Marist College is located on the Hudson River at 3399 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. According to its stated mission, "Marist is dedicated to helping students develop the intellect, character, and skills required for enlightened, ethical, and productive lives in the global community of the 21st century."

The College currently offers programs in the discipline of Education leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and the Master of Education (M.ED.) at the Poughkeepsie campus. The College's proposed program in Adolescence and Special Education leads to the M.A.T. degree and meets the requirements set forth in Section 3.47 for a graduate professional degree with the primary purpose of knowledge for application in professional practice. The College believes that the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree will prepare candidates to be more effective in a teaching career related to their interest in a content discipline.

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. Regents authorization is required because the College is not currently authorized to award the degree title. A master plan amendment is not needed, as the College currently offers masters-level degree programs in the discipline of Education at its Poughkeepsie campus.

Related Regents Items

N/A

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize Marist College to confer the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree on students successfully completing registered programs at the Poughkeepsie Campus.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents authorizes Marist College to confer the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree, the Department will register the program.