



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: Elim Bible Institute and College, Everest Institute, New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, and New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing their programs at Elim Bible Institute and College, Everest Institute, New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis, and New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture?

Reason for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its March 2016 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Background Information

Elim Bible Institute and College

Elim Bible Institute, Inc., located in Lima, NY, was established in 1924. During the first 88 years of its existence, Elim Bible Institute, Inc. was a non-degree institution, offering a three-year, non-credit diploma in Biblical Studies and a variety of one-year, non-credit certificates. The institution submitted a petition for a provisional charter in 2010, seeking authorization to award the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree.

Following the customary review process, including an on-site peer review visit, the Regents granted a provisional charter in September 2012 to the institution under the name Elim Bible Institute and College. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Board of Regents award degrees on the College's behalf.

Everest Institute

Everest Institute, formerly Rochester Business Institute, was a two-year proprietary college authorized by the New York State Board of Regents to confer associate degrees. Rhodes Business Group, Inc., a corporation owned by Corinthian Colleges, Inc., acquired the Institute in 1996. The name of the institution was changed to Everest Institute in 2006.

In 2014, the United States Department of Education signed an operating agreement with Corinthian Colleges, Inc. which required Corinthian to sell or close its campuses. On April 26, 2015, Corinthian announced the closing of several campuses, including Everest Institute in Rochester, NY effective April 27, 2015.

Bryant & Stratton College agreed to assume custody of the student records from Everest Institute and to participate in the teach-out of certain Everest Institute students. A group of students who were within 15 credits of graduation have completed their Everest Institute degree requirements at Bryant & Stratton College. To hold these former Everest students harmless, the Department reviewed the students' records and transcripts and made a determination that the students met the Everest Institute degree requirements. The Department recommends that the Board of Regents confer the degrees for those students.

New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis

The New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (NYGSP), located at 16 West Tenth Street, New York, NY was established by the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis and was granted a provisional charter in 2005. NYGSP offers 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 Board of Regents award degrees on the college's 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 confer 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 the college's behalf.

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 the 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.
- For conferral of degrees for closed institutions, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and the degrees completed, and mails the signed diplomas to the students.

Recommendation

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

Elim Bible Institute and College

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Biblical and Theological Studies:

Ball, Kaitlin Anne
Bantel, Matthew John
Bushiri, Nathanael
Button, John Scott
Condon, Michael Thomas
Egnor, Miranda Jilly
Foglia, Natalie R.
Garcia-Marroquin, Olivia Hazel
Gardoni Prieto, Maria Jose
Grout, Deborah Marie
Haney, Mark Anthony
Hernandez Belmonte, Caleb
Kessler, Caleb Duncan
Lampson, Brandon Christopher
Lopez, Lydia Gabriella
Ludlam, Susan R.
Mauer, Samuel James
McDonald, Amasharay R.
Olson, Hannah Joy
Perez, Steven M.
Roberts, Grace Alehah
Robinson, Joshua Emmanuel
Selby, Nathanael J.
Slade, Oksana Joy Victoria
Smith, Alyson Katie
Sullivan, Dion G.
Visser, Aaron Matthew
Weidman, Julie-Anne Lorraine
Weiler, Andrew Ryan
Yockel, Eric David

Everest Institute

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

Bradley, Victoria A.
Bryant, Angelin A.
Graham, Wanda L.
Keller, Zachary
Weader, Leslie M.
Weeks, Jorgina M.
Uribe-Hernandez, Jessika
Uribe-Hernandez, Maria A.

New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis

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

Park, Mikyung
Sperling, Rose

New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.):

Amstutz, Simeon C.
Calloway, Rachel Lynn
Curtin, Lenka
D'Anselmi, Carlo
Dull, Martin Gregory
Fias, Katherine Magda
Friis, Margaret Lesley
Gayle, David R.
Gillman, Nina
Kaur, Tavmeet
King, Sarah Anne Chickering
Patel, Shivani
Rickert, Rachel Elizabeth
Ruiz, Kathleen Elizabeth
Warren, Nicole Therese