



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech

**SUBJECT:** Hunter College of the City University of New York:  
Authorization to Award the Bachelor of Social Work  
(B.S.W.) Degree

**DATE:** March 14, 2016

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Consent Agenda**

Should the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York to confer the additional degree of Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) at Hunter College of the City University of New York?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

**Proposed Handling**

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

**Procedural History**

At its March 2015 meeting, The City University Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing Hunter College to offer a B.S.W. program in Social Work. The Department received CUNY's request on February 5, 2015.

## **Background Information**

Education Law §6206(8) authorizes the CUNY trustees to "...grant the certificates, diplomas and degrees which were announced in the bulletins of the existing public institutions of higher learning published for the term beginning immediately prior to April sixteenth, nineteen hundred twenty-six, and also such other degrees and honors as the Regents thereafter specifically authorized or may hereafter authorize it to grant."

Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents Hunter College's first use of the Bachelor of Social Work degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the B.S.W. degree.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the CUNY Board of Trustees to award the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree on duly qualified students successfully completing registered B.S.W. programs at Hunter College effective March 22, 2016.