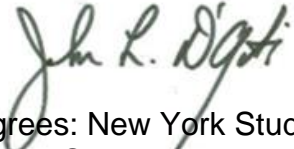





TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture; Dowling College; Globe Institute of Technology; Taylor Business Institute

DATE: March 2, 2017

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing programs at the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture; Dowling College; Globe Institute of Technology; and Taylor Business Institute?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

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

Background Information

Section 208 of the Education Law gives the Regents the authority to make awards in certain circumstances.

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 the Board of Regents to award degrees on the School's behalf.

Dowling College

Dowling College, which was located at 150 Idle Hour Boulevard in Oakdale, New York, was granted an absolute charter by the Board of Regents on September 27, 1968. On August 31, 2016, Dowling College closed. In order to hold students harmless, the Department recommends that the Board of Regents award degrees to eligible students who complete the requirements for their Dowling degree programs. Former Dowling College students may apply for a Regents diploma if they meet all of the following criteria: were enrolled in Dowling College at the time of its closure; had 15 credits or less remaining to complete their registered Dowling program; are able to complete those credits at other colleges within three years from the closure of Dowling College (i.e., by August 31, 2019); and apply to the New York State Education Department no later than December 31, 2019.

Globe Institute of Technology

Globe Institute of Technology was located at 500 Seventh Avenue in New York City. The Institute's temporary degree authority expired on June 30, 2016, and the institution failed to apply for an extension of that degree authority. Globe subsequently closed in September 2016. In order to hold students harmless, the Department recommends that the Regents award degrees to eligible students who completed the requirements for their Globe degree programs. Former Globe students may apply for a Regents diploma if they meet all of the following criteria: were enrolled in the Institute at the time of its closure; had 15 credits or less remaining to complete their registered Globe program; and complete those credits at other colleges within 3 years from the Institute's closure (i.e., by September 15, 2019); and apply to the New York State Education Department no later than December 31, 2019.

Taylor Business Institute

Taylor Business Institute was authorized by the Board of Regents on March 24, 1972 to grant the Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.) degree. On September 26, 2006, the New York State Education Department directed Taylor Business Institute to cease operation due to the failure of the Institute to comply with the academic standards in Commissioner's Regulations.

To hold the former Taylor students harmless, the Department took possession of all of the student records from Taylor. Upon request from students who have completed their degree requirements at other institutions, the Department will review the student's record and transcripts and, if a determination is made that the student has met the Taylor degree requirements, the Department makes a recommendation to the Board that the Regents confer the degree for that student.

The conferral process consists of the following steps:

- For active institutions, the institution sends the Department a list of candidates, official transcripts, and its official catalog. If the institution is closed, candidates apply directly to the Department.

- Transcripts are compared to the requirements of the registered program to ensure that candidates have met all requirements before a recommendation is made to confer the award. 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 awards are conferred, active institutions prepare diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed, along with the signatures of appropriate officers at the institution.
- Institution-signed diplomas are sent 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 Chancellor and the President of USNY and the official Regents seal, the diplomas are mailed back to the institution, completing the process.
- For conferral of awards for closed institutions, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and award, and mails the signed diplomas to the students.

Related Regents Items

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1216brca4.pdf>

Recommendation

VOTED, That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for registered degree programs at the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting, & Sculpture; Dowling College; Globe Institute of Technology; and Taylor Business Institute the respective degrees as listed below:

New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture

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

Jiang, Weixian
 Lee, Man Yan Sophy
 Mills, Katelynn Lora
 Peter-Toltz, Marie
 Sanford-Ross, Lori

Dowling College

The following students have completed the requirements for their respective awards as indicated:

Master of Science (M.S.)

Baumann, Melissa
Esposito, Peter James
Ketterer, Anthony
Orlando, Vincent
Wolf, Daniel Michael

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Dove, Francesca
Turner, Shamus M.

Globe Institute of Technology

The following students have completed the requirements for their respective awards as indicated:

Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.)

Alam, Md Nure
Munni, Takia

Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.)

Tapia, Smily

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Lelcaj, Alma
Ozuni, Violeta

Taylor Business Institute

The following student has completed the requirements for the Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.) award:

Solis, Yolanda