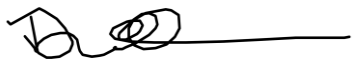





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech 

SUBJECT: City University of New York Herbert H. Lehman College (CUNY Lehman College): Authorization to Award the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree

DATE: March 28, 2019

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Should the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York (CUNY) to confer the D.N.P. degree at CUNY Lehman College?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its April 2019 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

On February 3, 2016, the Department received CUNY Lehman college's request to offer D.N.P. programs in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP). At its March 21, 2016 meeting, CUNY Board of Trustees authorized CUNY Lehman College to offer the D.N.P. programs.

Background Information

Paragraph (8) of Section 6206 of the Education Law 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 CUNY Lehman College’s first doctoral degree and the first use of the D.N.P. degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the D.N.P. degree.

At CUNY Lehman College, in addition to the undergraduate degrees, the trustees are authorized to award the following master’s degrees: Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. in Ed.), and Master of Social Work (M.S.W.). The College has existing M.S. and Advanced Certificate programs in FNP and PNP.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the CUNY Board of Trustees to award the D.N.P. degree on duly qualified students successfully completing the D.N.P. programs at CUNY Lehman College effective April 10, 2019.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approve the degree authorization, the Department will register the D.N.P. programs in FNP and PNP at CUNY Lehman once the Regents and the Governor approve the master plan amendment authorizing it.