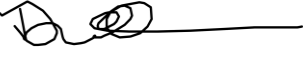





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech 

SUBJECT: State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn (SUNY Downstate Medical Center): 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 State University of New York (SUNY) to confer the D.N.P. degree at SUNY Downstate Medical Center?

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

At its November 15, 2018, meeting, SUNY Board of Trustees authorized SUNY Downstate Medical Center to offer the D.N.P. program in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). The Department received the request on November 27, 2018.

Background Information

Paragraph (f) of subdivision (2) of §355 of the Education Law authorizes the State University Board of Trustees:

To grant all degrees, diplomas and certificates which heretofore [i.e., July 1, 1948] have been granted or have been authorized to be granted upon the completion of courses of study in any state-operated institution which now is or hereafter may be in the state university, prior to the acquisition of such institution by the state university, and also such other degrees as the regents may hereafter specifically authorize them to grant.

Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents first use of the D.N.P. degree title at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the D.N.P. degree.

At SUNY Downstate Medical Center, in addition to the undergraduate degrees, the trustees are authorized to award the following master's and doctor degrees: Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.), and Doctor of Public Health (D.P.H.). The University has existing M.S. and Advanced Certificate programs in FNP.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the SUNY Board of Trustees to award the D.N.P. degree on duly qualified students successfully completing the D.N.P. program at SUNY Downstate Medical Center effective April 9, 2019.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approve the degree authorization, the Department will register the D.N.P. program in FNP at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.