



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: William P. Murphy *William Murphy*
SUBJECT: Application for Surrender of Degree-Conferring Authority:
Christie's Education, Inc.
DATE: April 1, 2021

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents accept the application from Christie's Education, Inc., to surrender its degree-conferring authority pursuant to section 3.58(g)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by Regents Rules.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its April 2021 meeting.

Procedural History

On January 28, 2021, Christie's Education, Inc., submitted an application to the Department to surrender its degree-conferring authority.

Background Information

Section 3.58(g)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents describes the process for a proprietary institution to apply to surrender its degree-conferring authority. Section 3.58(g)(2) requires that the Board of Regents make a determination whether to accept that request.

On January 29, 2020, Christie's Education, Inc., a proprietary institution in New York State, informed the Department that, as of September 1, 2020, it would cease enrollment of new students in its registered credit-bearing programs and begin to teach-

out its remaining students. As of December 31, 2020, Christie's Education, Inc., would cease operation of its credit-bearing programs if all students had completed their programs. In November 2019, Christie's International PLC, the parent company of Christie's Education, Inc., announced it would restructure Christie's Education, Inc. to stop offering master's degrees and to focus on nondegree continuing and online education.

Christie's Education, Inc., informed the Department on December 14, 2020 that all enrolled students (39 total) completed their programs – earning an M.A. degree in either Art, Business and Law or Modern and Contemporary Art and the Market – on December 12, 2020.

On January 28, 2021, the Board of Directors of Christie's Education, Inc. submitted an application to surrender, in whole, its degree-conferring authority, pursuant to §3.58(g)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, effective December 31, 2020. The application stated that the institution had met all institutional responsibilities required by §3.58(h). Student transcripts and other records will remain available permanently through Christie's, Inc., which will post complete instructions for requesting transcripts on its website. A copy of the application submitted to the Department is attached to this item.

The Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees held their final meetings in December 2020. Two staff members will remain employed until April and June 2021 to handle required reporting and other essential activities.

Based upon the completion of the teach-out undertaken by Christie's Education, Inc., with its students completing their programs on December 12, 2020 and the discontinuance of its registered programs effective December 31, 2020, the Department recommends that the Board of Regents accept the request from Christie's Education, Inc. to surrender its degree-conferring authority.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That, pursuant to §3.58(g)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Board of Regents accepts the request from Christie's Education, Inc. to surrender, in whole, its degree-conferring authority.

Timetable for Implementation

If accepted by the Board of Regents, the request from Christie's Education, Inc. to surrender its degree-conferring authority will become effective on April 13, 2021.

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January 28, 2020

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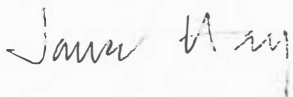
Dear Ms. Templeman,

Pursuant to § 3.58(g) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Board of Directors of Christie's Education, Inc., is applying to the New York State Board of Regents to surrender, in whole, its degree-conferring authority, effective December 31, 2020. By such date, Christie's met all institutional responsibilities prescribed in § 3.58(h) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, in that:

1. As of September 1, 2020, the college ceased enrollment of new students in all registered programs.
2. As of December 12, 2020, the college ceased operation of all registered programs.
3. As of December 12, 2020, the students who were enrolled in programs at Christie's completed their registered programs and received their degrees, and that no students remained enrolled at Christie's after December 31, 2020.

Please let me know if you have further questions regarding this decision.

Kind regards,



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