





TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: William P. Murphy 

SUBJECT: Extension of Provisional Degree-Granting Authority: New York Automotive and Diesel Institute, Glasgow Caledonian New York College, and City Seminary of New York Graduate Center

DATE: March 31, 2022

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents extend the provisional degree-granting authority of New York Automotive and Diesel Institute, Glasgow Caledonian New York College, and City Seminary of New York Graduate Center?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board at its April 2022 meeting, where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

In 2017, the Board of Regents provisionally authorized three new degree-granting institutions in New York State: New York Automotive and Diesel Institute, Glasgow Caledonian New York College, and City Seminary of New York Graduate Center. The five-year provisional terms for each institution end in May 2022, June 2022, and July 2022, respectively. All three institutions have submitted applications for permanent degree-granting authority.

Pursuant to Sections 3.58(d)(3) and 3.59(d)(3) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Department recommends extension of provisional status for all three institutions.

Background Information

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on colleges and on the Department's review processes, the Department recommends extending the provisional authorization of New York Automotive and Diesel Institute, Glasgow Caledonian New York College, and City Seminary of New York Graduate Center for another five-year term. A five-year term does not preclude an institution from reapplying before the term ends, and thus provides the institution with flexibility to apply when its leadership believes it to be ready.

To be able to make a recommendation regarding permanent degree authority, Department staff must conduct a site visit at each institution. Additionally, the Department needs to collect additional data on institutional resources, enrollment, and graduation outcomes in order to evaluate the post-pandemic stability and student outcomes of each institution. At present, due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Department staff does not have sufficient information on which to base a recommendation regarding permanent degree-granting authority for these three institutions.

New York Automotive and Diesel Institute (NYADI)

NYADI, a for-profit institution located at 78-18 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, New York, was previously operated as a non-degree postsecondary school licensed by the Department's Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision. It received degree-granting authority from the Board of Regents on May 9, 2017. NYADI currently offers the following programs:

- Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.) in Automotive Technology
- Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.) in Automotive and Diesel Technology
- Certificate in Automotive Service Technology
- Certificate in Truck and Diesel Technology
- Certificate in Collision Repair Technology

Upon receiving provisional degree-granting authority from the Board of Regents, NYADI amended its corporate purposes to include authority to award the A.O.S. degree. The institution does not have a provisional charter from the Board of Regents, and therefore may confer degrees on its graduates.

As of August 31, 2021, the institution reports a total of 1,284 students enrolled since it became a degree granting institution. The institution also reports that it had conferred 278 A.O.S. degrees. An additional 339 students had earned certificates from the institution.

Glasgow Caledonian New York College (GCNYC)

GCNYC, located at 64 Wooster Street, New York, New York, is affiliated with Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland. Its educational offerings focus on social impact and sustainability for business and fashion. GCNYC was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents on June 13, 2017. GCNYC currently offers the following programs:

- Master of Science (M.S.) in Business for Social Impact and Sustainability (former title: Impact-Focused Business and Investing)
- Master of Science (M.S.) in Sustainable Fashion (former title: International Fashion Marketing)
- Master of Science (M.S.) in Risk, Resilience, and Integrity Management (former title: Risk, Opportunity, and Resilience)

Because the institution has a provisional charter from the Board of Regents, it cannot confer degrees. The Board of Regents confers degrees on GCNYC graduates during its provisional term. Additionally, GCNYC agreed to an annual enrollment limit of 270 full-time equivalent students across all master's degree programs at its Wooster Street premises.

As of August 31, 2021, the institution reports a total of 117 students enrolled since it became a degree-granting institution. To date, the Board of Regents has conferred degrees on 78 of GCNYC's graduates.

City Seminary of New York Graduate Center (City Seminary)

City Seminary, located at 302 West 119th Street, New York, NY, is an urban Christian theological institution that was founded out of the experience of growing immigrant populations from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean in New York City. Its mission is to seek the peace of the city through theological education. It received degree-granting authority from the Board of Regents on July 17, 2017. City Seminary currently offers a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Ministry in the Global City.

Because the institution has a provisional charter from the Board of Regents, it cannot confer degrees on its graduates. The Board of Regents confers degrees on City Seminary graduates during its provisional term.

As of August 31, 2021, the institution reports a total of 30 students enrolled since it became a degree-granting institution. To date, the Board of Regents has conferred degrees on one cohort of 16 graduates of City Seminary.

Related Regents Items

May 2017: [Application for Authority to Operate as a For-Profit Degree-Granting Institution in New York State: New York Automotive and Diesel Institute \(NYADI\) – Provisional Authority to Confer Degrees](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/517brca1.pdf)

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June 2017: [Glasgow Caledonian New York College: Master Plan Amendment and Provisional Charter](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/heagc030972revised.pdf)

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July 2017: [Master Plan Amendment: Application for Authority to Operate as a Degree-Granting Institution in New York State: City Seminary of New York Graduate Center](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/717brca4.pdf)

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Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Board of Regents take the following actions:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents extend New York Automotive and Diesel Institute's provisional authorization to confer the Associate of Occupational Science (A.O.S.) degree through May 31, 2027.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents extend Glasgow Caledonian New York College's provisional authorization to offer programs within the discipline of business that lead to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree through June 30, 2027.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents extend City Seminary of New York Graduate Center's provisional authorization to offer programs that lead to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree through July 31, 2027.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents extends NYADI's provisional authorization to confer the Associate of Occupational Science (A.O.S.) degree through May 31, 2027, the institution must apply to the Department for permanent authority to confer degrees at least twelve months prior to the expiration of the provisional period (May 31, 2026).

If the Board of Regents extends GCNYC's provisional authorization to offer programs within the discipline of business that lead to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree through June 30, 2027, the institution must apply to the Department for permanent authority to confer degrees at least twelve months prior to the expiration of the provisional period (June 30, 2026). The Board of Regents will continue to confer degrees on GCNYC graduates during the provisional term.

If the Board of Regents extends City Seminary's provisional authorization to offer programs that lead to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree through July 31, 2027, the institution must apply to the Department for permanent authority to confer degrees at least twelve months prior to the expiration of the provisional period (July 31, 2026). The Board of Regents will continue to confer degrees on City Seminary graduates during the provisional term.