



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: William P. Murphy *William Murphy*
SUBJECT: Master Plan Amendment Applications
DATE: March 31, 2022
AUTHORIZATION(S): *Betty M...*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment applications?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute (Education Law section 237).

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its April 2022 meeting.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

When a college or university seeks to expand its academic mission (e.g., by offering a degree at a new level of study or in a new disciplinary area or establishing a new branch campus), it must submit a master plan amendment application for review and approval by the Board of Regents. Depending upon the nature of the proposed program that requires the master plan amendment, the application will be submitted to either the Department's Office of Higher Education or Office of the Professions. The Regents must approve an amendment of an institution's master plan before the institution can undertake the proposed activities.

An academic review of each of the proposed master plan amendments has been completed by the Department. The Department determined that the proposed programs meet the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Following the standard protocol, the Department conducted a canvass of degree-granting institutions in the respective regions. There were no objections or statements of negative impact from canvassed institutions. If a charter amendment is also necessary (e.g., to establish a new branch campus) it is indicated on the summary table and the charter amendment is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve each master plan amendment application on the attached summary table.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendments, the Department will register the proposed programs, and the institutions will proceed to enroll students. Master plan amendments for institutions within the SUNY and CUNY systems must be transmitted to the Governor for approval prior to registration of the programs and enrollment of students.

Attachment

Master Plan Amendment Summary Table

Name of Institution	Program Area	Location	Description of Master Plan Amendment
St. Lawrence University	OHE	Canton, NY	Authorization to offer first program in the Health Professions discipline area, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Public Health.
Rochester Institute of Technology	OHE	Rochester, NY	Authorization to offer first doctoral program in the Social Sciences discipline area, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Cognitive Science