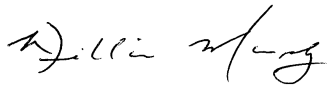





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: William P. Murphy 
SUBJECT: Plaza College: Master Plan Amendment
DATE: April 4, 2024
AUTHORIZATION(S):  **SUMMARY**

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize Plaza College to offer its first master's degree program, Master of Science (M.S.) in Healthcare Administration, and authorize the institution to award the Master of Science (M.S.) degree?

Reason for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its April 2024 meeting.

Procedural History

Plaza College submitted a proposal to offer a program in Healthcare Administration leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree award. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the College's first program at the master's level. Regents' authorization is also required for the College to award the Master of Science (M.S.) degree.

Background Information

Plaza College is proposing to offer its first master's program, a Master of Science (M.S.) in Healthcare Administration. The College has indicated that the proposed graduate program in Healthcare Administration fully aligns with its mission of providing opportunities that enhance the personal and professional advancement of its students. Additionally, Plaza College believes that it is well-positioned to address many of the issues that affect higher education today and the proposed graduate program allows the institution to broaden its impact on the communities it serves.

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 a master plan amendment to authorize Plaza College to offer a Master of Science (M.S.) program in Healthcare Administration and authorize the institution to award the Master of Science (M.S.) degree.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment and authorizes the College to award the M.S. degree, the Department will register the proposed program.