



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: State University of New York, Erie Community College:
Master Plan Amendment to offer an Associate in Science
(A.S.) in Fine Arts

DATE: May 9, 2016

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the amendment of the master plan of the State University of New York in order for Erie Community College, Williamsville, N.Y. to offer the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Fine Arts at its three campuses (City, North and South)?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its May 2016 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the College's first associate level program in the disciplinary area of the Fine Arts.

Background Information

The State University of New York seeks approval to authorize Erie Community College to offer a program in Fine Arts leading to the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. The proposed program represents the College's first associate level program in Fine Arts. The State University of New York Board of Trustees adopted a resolution

approving the amendment of the SUNY master plan. Erie Community College submitted proposals to the Department for an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree program in Fine Arts.

The proposed 60-credit hour A.S. in Fine Arts is designed as a transfer degree and responds to articulated needs of prospective students and employers. It is consistent with the mission and strategic priorities of SUNY and Erie Community College and fully aligns with the SUNY Trustees' Seamless Transfer policy. Articulation agreements have been developed with the State University of New York at Buffalo and the State University College at Buffalo. The program is designed to facilitate transfer into four-year programs for Studio Art, Graphic Design, Art Education, and/or Photography. The degree would provide students with a foundation focusing on developing observational and interpretative skills and proficiency in Drawing, 2D and 3D Design, Painting, Digital Foundations, and Photography. The proposed curriculum includes all courses in the Art Studio seamless transfer path, as well as 30 credits in general education coursework.

The College proposes to offer the A.S. program on all three of its campuses (City, North, and South). Combined enrollment is anticipated to be 72 students in Year 1, growing to 112 by Year 5.

An academic review of faculty, curriculum, resources and other aspects of the proposed degree program has been completed by the Department. The Department has determined that the proposed degree program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The Department conducted a canvass of institutions of higher education in the Western region. One positive response was received; no objections were received.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve an amendment to the State University of New York master plan authorizing Erie Community College to offer the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Fine Arts at its City, North and South campuses.

Timetable for Implementation

Amendments to the SUNY master plan require approval by the Governor. If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will forward the amendment to the Governor for approval. Upon gubernatorial approval the Department will register the program.