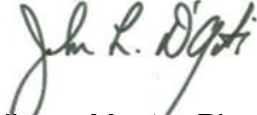





**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** John L. D'Agati 

**SUBJECT:** St. Joseph's College: Master Plan Amendment to offer a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Studio Arts

**DATE:** July 5, 2016

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

#### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment for St. Joseph's College to offer its first program in the Fine Arts discipline, a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Studio Arts?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute and regulation.

#### **Proposed Handling**

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

#### **Procedural History**

St. Joseph's College submitted a proposal for a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Studio Arts to be offered at both the Brooklyn and Suffolk campuses. A master plan amendment is required because this would be the College's first program in the discipline of fine arts.

#### **Background Information**

St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn and Patchogue, NY) seeks to amend its master plan to allow it to establish a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) program in Studio Arts. The

proposed program represents the College's first baccalaureate level program in the discipline of Fine Arts.

St. Joseph's College suggests that, based on campus polls, student requests, and discussions at open house events, there is a growing need for a Studio Arts program. In a survey distributed to arts classes in fall 2014, over 57 students signed their names in support of an arts program. In addition, St. Joseph's College notes that it loses students who transfer out of the College to pursue an art program elsewhere.

The purpose of the proposed Bachelor of Arts program is to meet institutional purposes and goals by providing students with a well-balanced education in a wide variety of media, and in-depth study of a chosen area of concentration. The proposed program will also introduce historical and contemporary view of art, as well as theoretical and critical issues. Studio concentrations would be available in the areas of painting, digital media, photography, printmaking, ceramics and crafts.

The Department determined that the program meets all standards for registration. In May 2016, the Department conducted a canvass of all institutions in the New York City and Long Island regions. Of those canvassed, there were no objections or statements of negative impact should the program be registered.

### **Recommendation**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize St. Joseph's College to offer its first program in the Fine Arts. The amendment will be effective until July 11, 2017, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case the master plan amendment shall be without term.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will register the program and the institution will proceed to recruit and enroll students.