



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: John L. D'Agati *John L. D'Agati*
SUBJECT: State University of New York at Binghamton: Regents
Authorization to award the Master of Public Health
(M.P.H.) Degree

DATE: July 6, 2017

AUTHORIZATION(S):

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents authorize the State University of New York at Binghamton to award the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its July 2017 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

On May 3, 2017, the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees (the Trustees) adopted a resolution directing the SUNY Chancellor to seek the authorization of the Board of Regents for the State University of New York at Binghamton (SUNY Binghamton) to confer the degree of Master of Public Health (M.P.H.).

Background Information

The Trustees are currently authorized to confer degrees at the bachelors, masters and doctoral levels on students successfully completing the respective registered programs at SUNY Binghamton leading to those degrees, including the Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.), Master of

Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Science for Teachers (M.S.T.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. Ed.), Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.), and Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.). The Trustees now request that the Regents authorize SUNY Binghamton to offer a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) in Public Health. Master plan amendment is not needed because the University already offers masters-level programs; however, Regents authorization is required because this will be the University's first Master of Public Health degree program.

The Trustee's resolution indicates that SUNY Binghamton's proposal to establish an M.P.H. program is consistent with the campus mission of "enriching the lives of people in the region, state, nation and world through discovery and education and to being enriched by partnerships with those communities" and that the proposed program "aligns well with SUNY Excels and SUNY's strategic plan, the Power of SUNY, SUNY and a Healthier New York, and meets both local and state need."

An academic review of faculty, curriculum and other crucial program 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. In addition, the institution had reviews conducted by external experts in the discipline of public health. The external reviews were positive.

Related Regents Items

N/A

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorizes the State University of New York Board of Trustees to award the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) on students who successfully complete registered programs at the State University of New York at Binghamton effective July 18, 2017.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents authorizes the State University of New York at Binghamton to award the Master of Public Health degree, the Department will register the Public Health program leading to the Master of Public Health degree and the institution will proceed to recruit and register students.