


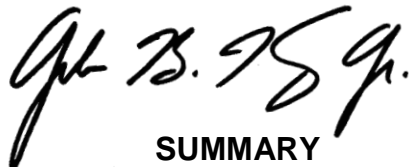


TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: American Museum of Natural History, Taylor Business Institute and Elim Bible Institute and College

DATE: September 8, 2014

AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing their program at American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), Taylor Business Institute and Elim Bible Institute and College?

Reason for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its September 2014 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Background Information

American Museum of Natural History

In 2012, AMNH applied for and was awarded a Graduate Level Clinically Rich Teacher Preparation Pilot Program grant in response to AMNH's request to offer a program (Earth Science Teaching Residency 7-12) to prepare candidates for initial/professional teacher certification. AMNH's charter does not authorize it to award the specialized degrees described in the regulations governing the pilot programs, however Commissioner's Regulations §52.21(b)(5)(iv)(d) permit the Board of Regents

to confer the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree to graduates of the clinically rich teacher preparation pilot program, provided that the program remains in good standing.

The 36 credit clinically rich Earth Science Teaching Residency 7-12 program at AMNH follows a team-based, theory and practice approach to course design and teaching. The program includes a full academic year of residency in a partnering high-need public school and provides significant mentoring. The program also includes two summer clinical residencies that are based at AMNH. All program courses are taught by doctorally prepared faculty educators or scientists. To strengthen the retention of the MAT candidates after they have graduated, in addition to the strong mentoring, AMNH provides a two-year induction program that gives program graduates ongoing, additional support.

Taylor Business Institute

Taylor Business Institute was authorized by the Board of Regents on March 24, 1972 to grant the Associate in Occupational Studies (AOS) degree. On September 26, 2006, the New York State Education Department directed Taylor Business Institute to cease operation as of January 12, 2007. The decision to close Taylor and deregister its academic programs was based upon the failure of the Institute to comply with the academic standards in Commissioner's Regulations. The Institute in fact closed in September 2006.

To hold the former Taylor students harmless, the Department took possession of all student records from Taylor. Upon request from students who have completed their degree requirements at other institutions, the Department will review the student's record and transcripts and, if a determination is made that the student has met the degree requirements, the Department makes a recommendation to the Regents that the Regents confer the degree for that student.

Elim Bible Institute and College

Elim Bible Institute, Inc., located in Lima, NY, was established in 1924. During the first 88 years of its existence, Elim Bible Institute, Inc. was a non-degree institution, offering a three-year, non-credit diploma in Biblical Studies and a variety of one-year, non-credit certificates. The institution submitted a petition for a provisional charter in 2010, seeking authorization to award the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree. Following the customary review process, including an on-site peer review visit, the Regents granted a provisional charter to the institution, under the name Elim Bible Institute and College, in September 2012. Until such time as its charter is made absolute, Section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on the College's behalf.

The degree conferral process consists of the following steps:

- The institution sends the Department a list of candidates and official transcripts.
- The institution also sends its official handbook that states the specific requirements for the degree. This is checked against the original program registration to ensure that the program provided is the same as the program that was approved.
- Transcripts are cross referenced with program requirements to ensure that candidates have met all degree requirements before a recommendation is made to confer the degree. When this step is completed, a petition is prepared for Regents Action.
- At the same time the petition is prepared for Regents action, Department staff notify the institution which candidates have met the requirements for the degree.
- After the Regents have acted on the petition, Department staff notify the institution of the Regents action.
- When the degrees are conferred, the institution prepares diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed and includes the required signatures for their institution (e.g., President, Chairman of the Board.)
- The institution mails the signed diplomas to the Department for the imprinting of the signatures of the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the President of USNY (Commissioner of Education) and the affixing of the official Board of Regents seal to each diploma.
- Once the diplomas have the signatures of the Regents Chancellor and USNY President and the official Regents seal, the diplomas are mailed back to the institution, completing the process.

Recommendation

VOTED, That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for their registered degree program at American Museum of Natural History, Taylor Business Institute or Elim Bible Institute and College, the respective degrees as listed below:

American Museum of Natural History

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Arts in Teaching degree:

21. Brown, Erin Harper
22. Dionne, Laura Renee Carver
23. DiPuppo, Jaime Michelle
24. Egri, Kenneth
25. Goerl, Ariel Marie
26. Kaminsky, Noah S.

27. Machac, Tamara
28. Marks, Sarah Rebecca
29. McKinley, Robert
30. Montalvo, Cynthia S.
31. Platsky, Allison Lee-Ann
32. Riccio, Steven
33. Roberts, Leah M.
34. Trunkely, Zachary Joseph
35. Vargas, Wanda
36. Yany, Edward

Taylor Business Institute:

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Occupational Studies degree:

3076. Baynes, Wesley
3077. Gomez, Marilyn

Elim Bible Institute and College:

The following students have completed the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science degree program in Biblical and Theological Studies:

21. Allgyer, Ephraim
22. Andryshak, Ryan K.
23. Andrzejewski, Marek Samuel
24. Ball, Daniel Clayton
25. Brault, Jason Alexandre
26. Bryant, Caleb Z.
27. Calcagno, Nicholas Angelo
28. Cho, Ha
29. DeMarco, Antonia R.
30. Ellis, Stephanie Margaret
31. Farage, Joseph Panquantius
32. Franke, Kelly Linn
33. Giordano, Anna
34. Guido, Tressa Janel
35. Jansen, Janelle Esther
36. Jedamski, Kaitlin L.
37. Kreider, Destiny Joy
38. Kreider, Joel David
39. Lehman, Garrett Nathaniel
40. Leslie, Anna Marie
41. Licht, Brooke Allison
42. Madl, Joshua R.
43. Merckling, Kaitlynn C.
44. Misar, Erin Rebecca

45. Morales, Daniel Abner
46. Osburn, Katelyn Elizabeth
47. Ost, Michael Jonathan
48. Renz, Nathaniel
49. Roberts, Amanda
50. Roberts, Josephine Rosemarie
51. Rodriguez, Crystal J.
52. Schisler, Richard Timothy
53. Smales, Jacob
54. Smales, Nathan Josiah
55. Smith, Kendra Joy
56. Souza Valdes, Noemi
57. Sterlace, Rachael Marie
58. Trezise, Weston David
59. Williams, Katie Lynn
60. Wright, Sarah Alycia
61. Wypij, Justin Daniel
62. Kennedy, Alexander Scott
63. Miller, Isaac Christopher