



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Laboratory Institute of Merchandising (DBA LIM College):
Regents Authorization to award the Master of Science (M.S.)
Degree

DATE: September 6, 2018

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents authorize Laboratory Institute of Merchandising (DBA LIM College) to award the Master of Science (M.S.) degree?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its September 2018 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Background Information

LIM College, a proprietary college located in midtown Manhattan, was founded in 1939. It currently offers Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree programs. The proposed M.S. degree program in Consumer Analytics is a 39-45 credit program designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge essential in using customer data for business decisions and prepare them for the current demands of the fashion industry.

A master plan amendment is not needed because LIM College already offers masters-level programs; however, Regents authorization is required because this will be LIM College's first degree program leading to the M.S. degree.

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.

Related Regents Items

N/A

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize Laboratory Institute of Merchandising (DBA LIM College) to award the Master of Science (M.S.) degree on students who successfully complete registered programs at LIM College effective September 18, 2018.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents authorizes Laboratory Institute of Merchandising (DBA LIM College) to award the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, the Department will register the program.