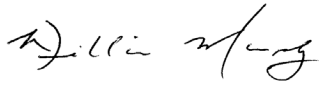



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: William P. Murphy 
SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College
DATE: August 31, 2023
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing programs originally registered to Dowling College?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its September 2023 meeting.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

Section 208 of the Education Law gives the Regents the authority to make awards in certain circumstances. By statute and regulation, institutions of higher education that have provisional charters do not have the authority to award degrees. Until such time as a charter is made absolute, the Board of Regents awards degrees on behalf of provisionally chartered institutions.

In the case of closed institutions of higher education, in order to hold students harmless, the Board of Regents awards degrees to eligible students who complete the requirements for their registered degree programs at other institutions, for specified periods of time.

Dowling College, which was located at 150 Idle Hour Boulevard in Oakdale, New York, was granted an absolute charter by the Board of Regents on September 27, 1968. On August 31, 2016, Dowling College closed. Former Dowling College students may apply for a Regents diploma if they meet all of the following criteria: were enrolled in Dowling College at the time of its closure; had 15 credits or less remaining to complete their registered Dowling program; can complete those credits at other colleges within three years from the closure of Dowling College (i.e., by August 31, 2019); and apply to the New York State Education Department no later than December 31, 2019. In rare circumstances, the Department has accepted Dowling degree conferral applications beyond this deadline.

For closed institutions, the conferral process consists of the following steps:

- The student submits to the Department official transcripts from the closed institution and any other institution at which the student earned credit toward the degree.
- The Department reviews the transcripts and compares the completed courses to the requirements of the registered program at the closed institution.
- Upon a determination that the student has completed the program requirements, the Department prepares a degree conferral item for Regent's action that lists all candidates and the degrees earned.
- After the Regents have voted to confer the degrees, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and degree awards, the diplomas are signed by the Chancellor and the President of USNY, and the official Regents seal is affixed.
- The completed diplomas are sent to the students by the Department.

Related Regents Items

March 2018: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College and New York Graduate School of Psychoanalysis](#)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/318brca1.pdf>)

July 2018: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College and The New York Studio School of Painting and Drawing](#)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/718brca14.pdf>)

September 2018: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College, Elim Bible Institute and College, and Elyon College](#)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/918brca2.pdf>)

November 2018: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College](#)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1118brca1.pdf>)

December 2018: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College](#)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1218brca5.pdf>)

February 2019: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College, Elyon College, and Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/219brca2.pdf>)

September 2019: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College, New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture, and Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/919brca2.pdf>)

September 2022: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College and Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/922brca5.pdf>)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individual, who has completed the requirements for registered degree program at Dowling College, the degree as listed below.

The following student has completed the requirements for the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) award:

Anthony Favarolo

Timetable for Implementation

Once the Board of Regents approves this item, the Department will notify the institution to prepare diplomas and send them to the Department for signatures.