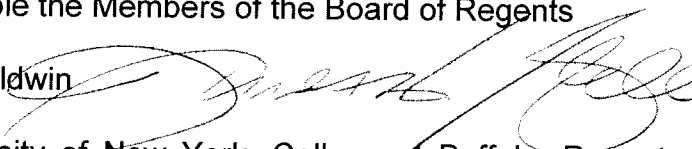





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To: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

From: James N. Baldwin 

Subject: State University of New York, College at Buffalo: Regents  
Authorization to award the Master of Public Administration  
(M.P.A.) Degree

Date: April 26, 2011

Authorizations: 

### SUMMARY

#### Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

The State University Board of Trustees seeks approval for the State University College at Buffalo to confer the additional degree of Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.).

#### Reason for Consideration

Required by State statute.

#### Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its May 2011 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### Procedural History

On January 11, 2011, the State University of New York Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution:

Resolved that the Chancellor be, and hereby is, directed to seek the authorization of the Board of Regents for the State University College at Buffalo to confer the degree of Master of Public Administration.

The Trustee resolution indicates that, in response to demand from the community and the evident need for an M.P.A. program in the Buffalo-Niagara region, SUC Buffalo proposes an M.P.A. program that would build on its leadership in preparing a professional workforce to manage public and nonprofit agencies.

On January 25, 2011, the Department received from the State University of New York a proposal requesting to register a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree program in Public and Nonprofit Management. This would be the College's first degree program leading to the M.P.A.

### Background Information

Paragraph (f) of subdivision (2) of §355 of the Education Law authorizes the State University Board of Trustees:

To grant all degrees, diplomas and certificates which heretofore [i.e., July 1, 1948] have been granted or have been authorized to be granted upon the completion of courses of study in any state-operated institution which now is or hereafter may be in the state university, prior to the acquisition of such institution by the state university, and also such other degrees as the regents may hereafter specifically authorize them to grant.

At the State University College at Buffalo, the Trustees are authorized to confer Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.), Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.), Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S. in Ed), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Music (Mus. B), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Public Service (M.P.S.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. in Ed.), and Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) degrees on students successfully completing registered programs. SUC Buffalo now seeks to offer a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) program in Public and Nonprofit Management. Regents authorization is required because this will be the College's first Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree program.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the State University of New York Board of Trustees to award the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree on students successfully completing registered programs at the State University College at Buffalo effective May 17, 2011.