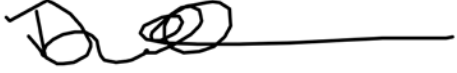
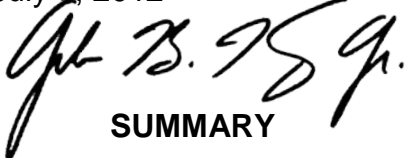




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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech

SUBJECT: Hunter College of the City University of New York:
Authorization to Award the Doctor of Physical Therapy
(D.P.T.) Degree
DATE: July 9, 2012
AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Should the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York to confer the additional degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) at Hunter College of the City University of New York?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its July 2012 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

At its June 2012 meeting, The City University Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing Hunter College to offer a D.P.T. program in Physical Therapy, to be transferred from the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York. The Department received CUNY's request on June 26, 2012.

Background Information

Paragraph (8) of Section 6206 of the Education Law authorizes the CUNY trustees to: "...grant the certificates, diplomas and degrees which were announced in the bulletins of the existing public institutions of higher learning published for the term beginning immediately prior to April sixteenth, nineteen hundred twenty-six, and also such other degrees and honors as the Regents thereafter specifically authorized or may hereafter authorize it to grant."

CUNY has proposed that Hunter College offer the D.P.T program in Physical Therapy that is currently jointly registered with the CUNY Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York. This independent degree registration will replace the existing Doctor of Physical Therapy program jointly offered by the Graduate School and University Center (the degree-granting institution) and Hunter College.

Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents Hunter College's first use of the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the D.P.T. degree.

At Hunter College, the CUNY Trustees are authorized to award the degrees of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Music (Mus.B.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.), Master of Science in Education (M.S. in Ed.), Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.), Master of Urban Planning (M.U.P.), Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), Master of Physical Therapy, (M.P.T.), Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.), Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), and Doctor of Public Health (D.P.H.). Hunter College offers programs in the discipline areas of the Biological Sciences, Business, Education, the Fine Arts, the Health Professions, the Humanities, the Physical Sciences, and the Social Sciences.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the CUNY Board of Trustees to award the degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) on duly qualified students successfully completing registered D.P.T. programs at Hunter College effective July 17, 2012.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board authorizes the Trustees to confer the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree at CUNY Hunter College, the Department will proceed to register the proposed D.P.T. program in Physical Therapy and the College will proceed to recruit and enroll students in the program.