





THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: John L. D'Agati 

SUBJECT: Permission to Operate: Olivet University (California)

DATE: October 19, 2015

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents grant Olivet University (California) permission to operate in New York, to continue to offer courses in New York City, and begin offering courses in Dover, NY leading to partial fulfillment of its Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A) degrees?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its October 2015 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Pursuant to §3.56 of the Regents Rules, Olivet University (California) submitted an application seeking permission to continue to offer seven courses from its M.B.A program in New York City and to begin offering seven courses from its M.Div. program at its location in New York City and separately at a location in Dover, NY.

Background Information

Olivet University is a private Christian institution in the Presbyterian tradition principally authorized in California by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education. Olivet has applied to the Board of Regents for permission to operate in New York State.

In November, 2012, the Board of Regents, pursuant to §3.56 of the Regents Rules, granted Olivet University (California) permission to operate in New York State and to offer seven courses from its M.B.A program at Six Barclay Street in New York City, for a period of three years. There have been no reported issues or complaints regarding these offerings over the past three years.

Olivet University seeks permission to continue to offer the seven courses from its M.B.A program at its New York City location. In addition, Olivet University seeks permission to offer seven courses from its M.Div. program at its location in New York City, and separately, at a location in Dover, NY.

Consistent with its master planning process, the Department conducted a canvass of all degree-granting institutions in the New York City and Hudson Valley regions. The Department received no objections.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents grant permission to Olivet University (California) to offer the proposed seven courses from its M.B.A program and the proposed seven courses from its M.Div. program at Six Barclay Street in New York City. In addition, the Board of Regents grant permission to Olivet University (California) to offer the proposed seven courses from its M.Div. program at its location in Dover, NY. This approval will be effective for a five-year period beginning on October 27, 2015 and ending on October 26, 2020.