



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech

**SUBJECT:** City University of New York (CUNY) York College:  
Authorization to Award the Master of Social Work  
(M.S.W.) Degree

**DATE:** November 2, 2017

**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 Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree at City University of New York (CUNY) York College?

### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full Board at its November 2017 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

### **Procedural History**

At its February 2017 meeting, The City University Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing CUNY York College to offer an M.S.W. program in Social Work. The Department received CUNY's request on March 6, 2017.

## **Background Information**

Paragraph (8) of §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.”

Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents CUNY York College’s first use of the M.S.W. degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the M.S.W. degree.

At CUNY York College, the 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.), and Master of Science (M.S.). The 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. Currently the College offers a B.S. program in Social Work.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the CUNY Board of Trustees to award the degree of Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) on duly qualified students successfully completing the M.S.W. program at CUNY York College effective November 14, 2017.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Regents approve the degree authorization, the Department will register the program and the institution will proceed to recruit and enroll students.