



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Monroe College: Regents Authorization to Award the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) Degree

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents authorize Monroe College to award the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the Full Board at its February 2021 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

In August 2020, Monroe College submitted a proposal to offer a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree in Public Administration. Regents authorization is required because Monroe College is not currently authorized to award the degree title.

Background Information

Monroe College, a proprietary college with campuses located in the Bronx, New York, and New Rochelle, New York, was founded in 1933. It currently offers undergraduate degrees and the Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degrees.

The Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree will prepare students for leadership and management positions in public service, nonprofit organizations, and

social enterprises, as well as provide pre-service and career professionals with an appropriate mix of the requisite skills and knowledge needed for positions at various levels within the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. The Master of Public Administration (M.P.A) program will provide a broad exposure to the field of public administration through a comprehensive, interdisciplinary core curriculum that integrates theory with practice and emphasizes application of acquired knowledge in a real-world setting.

A master plan amendment is not needed because Monroe College already offers Masters-level programs; however, Regents authorization is required because this will be the first-degree program leading to the M.P.A. degree at Monroe College.

Academic review of faculty, curriculum, and other crucial program aspects of the proposed degree program has been completed by the Department. The Department has determined that the proposed degree program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize Monroe College to award the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree to students who successfully complete registered programs that lead to the degree at Monroe College.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents authorizes Monroe College to award the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree, the Department will register the program.