





TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi, Delhi campus: Master Plan Amendment to offer a program leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Criminal Justice Degree

DATE: March 28, 2018

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment for the State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi to offer a program in Criminal Justice leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree at the Delhi campus, the College's first baccalaureate level program in the discipline area of the Social Sciences at the Delhi campus?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its April 2018 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

The State University of New York (SUNY) submitted a proposal for a program in Criminal Justice leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree to be offered by SUNY College of Technology at Delhi at the Delhi campus. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program represents the first baccalaureate level program in the discipline area of the Social Sciences at the Delhi campus.

Background Information

SUNY seeks approval to authorize its College of Technology at Delhi to offer a program in Criminal Justice leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree.

The goal of the proposed program is to prepare students for a career in criminal justice by providing them with an integrated experience of theory and practice. Students are exposed to many aspects of the criminal justice field through required courses including research methods, constitutional law, forensics, ethics, civil liberties, and public policy; and are offered as a direct connection to the field through internship and capstone opportunities. A baccalaureate degree in criminal justice provides graduates with the flexibility for entry into the field as well as advancement to managerial positions. The proposed upper-division program is unique in that it requires students to have already completed either an associate degree or 60 credits and meet a minimum GPA requirement for admission.

An academic review of the proposed degree program has been completed by the Department. The Department determined that the proposed program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. In addition, following the standard protocol, the Department conducted a canvass of degree-granting institutions in the Central Region. Of those canvassed, there were no objections or statements of negative impact should the program be registered.

Related Regents Items

N/A

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve a master plan amendment to authorize the State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi to offer a program in Criminal Justice, its first baccalaureate level program in the discipline area of the Social Sciences at the Delhi campus. The amendment will be effective until April 2019, unless the Department registers the program prior to that date, in which case master plan amendment shall be without term.

Timetable for Implementation

Amendments to the State University of New York master plan require approval by the Governor. If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will forward the amendment to the Governor for approval. Upon gubernatorial approval, the Department will register the program.