



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: City University of New York Graduate School and University Center: Authorization to Award the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Degree

DATE: April 29, 2021

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York (CUNY) to confer the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

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

Procedural History

CUNY submitted a request to register a B.S.W. degree program in Social Work at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center. All the undergraduate academic degree programs at the CUNY colleges holding an affiliation with the Macaulay Honors College (MHC) have corresponding degree programs registered jointly with that college and the CUNY Graduate School and University Center, which is the home of MHC. When the CUNY Board of Trustees approved the registration of duplicate programs for participating MHC colleges, the board resolution listed every degree award being conferred at those institutions at that time with the intention of including all undergraduate programs. The explanation for the resolution stated, "The requested action is a technical

registration change creating separate Inventory of Registered Programs (IRP) entries for programs used by Macaulay Honors College students as offered jointly by the participating Senior Colleges and the Macaulay Honors College as part of the Graduate School and University Center.”

Background Information

The Board of Trustees is not authorized to confer the B.S.W. degree at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

Subdivision (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.

At the CUNY Graduate School and University Center, 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.), Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), and Bachelor of Music (Mus. B. or .B.M.) at the undergraduate level.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize the CUNY Board of Trustees to award the B.S.W. degree on duly qualified students successfully completing the B.S.W. program at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center effective May 11, 2021.

Timetable for Implementation

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