



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: William P. Murphy *William P. Murphy*
SUBJECT: Permission to Operate: Olivet University
DATE: May 27, 2021
AUTHORIZATION(S): *[Signature]*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents approve a short-term renewal of permission to operate until December 31, 2021 to Olivet University (Olivet) thus permitting the Department the necessary time to complete the full review of the institution's renewal application?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

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

Procedural History

Pursuant to §3.56 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, Olivet University (California) submitted an application seeking permission to continue to operate in New York City and Dover, NY. The Department needs additional time to complete its review of this application.

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 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.

In October 2015, the Board of Regents renewed Olivet's permission to offer the seven courses from its M.B.A. program at its New York City location. In addition, the Board of Regents granted permission to Olivet to offer seven courses from its M.Div. program at its location in New York City, and separately, at a location in Dover, NY.

In October 2020, and again in December 2020, the Board of Regents granted a short-term renewal of Olivet's permission to operate while the Department continues to review the institution's renewal application.

On March 29, 2021, the institution submitted a comprehensive set of responses and documentation in response to application requirements and questions from the Department. The Department needs additional time to review this information, and recommends extension of Permission to Operate approval consistent with a reasonable, semester-related timeframe.

Related Regents Items

December 2020: [Permission to Operate: Olivet University \(California\)](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1220brca3.pdf)
(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1220brca3.pdf>)

October 2020: [Permission to Operate: Olivet University \(California\)](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1020brca9.pdf)
(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1020brca9.pdf>)

October 2015: [Permission to Operate: Olivet University \(California\)](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/meetings/Oct%202015/1015brca3.pdf)
(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/meetings/Oct%202015/1015brca3.pdf>)

September 2012: [Permission to Operate: Olivet University](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/documents/meetings/2012Meetings/November2012/1112hea1.pdf)
(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/documents/meetings/2012Meetings/November2012/1112hea1.pdf>)

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents grant permission to Olivet University (California) to continue to offer seven courses from its M.B.A. program and seven courses from its M.Div. program at Six Barclay Street in New York City. In addition, that the Board of Regents grant permission to Olivet University (California) to continue to offer seven courses from its M.Div. program at its location in Dover, NY. This approval will be effective from June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Timetable for Implementation

Olivet University's permission to operate is extended through December 31, 2021.