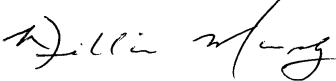





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: William P. Murphy 
SUBJECT: Master Plan Amendment Application
DATE: September 1, 2022
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment application?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State Statute (Education Law section 237).

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its September 2022 meeting.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

When a college or university seeks to expand its academic mission (e.g., by offering a degree at a new level of study or in a new disciplinary area or establishing a new branch campus), it must submit a master plan amendment application for review and approval by the Board of Regents. Depending upon the nature of the proposed program that requires the master plan amendment, the application will be submitted to either the Department's Office of Higher Education or Office of the Professions. The Regents must approve an amendment of an institution's master plan before the institution can undertake the proposed activities.

An academic review of the proposed master plan amendment has been completed by the Department. The Department determined that the proposed program meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. If a charter amendment is also necessary (e.g., to establish a new branch campus) it is indicated on the summary table and the charter amendment is included in the Charter Applications item on the Full Board agenda.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment application listed on the attached summary table (Attachment A).

Timetable for Implementation

If the Board of Regents approves the master plan amendment, the Department will register the proposed program, and the institution will proceed to enroll students. Master plan amendments for institutions within the SUNY and CUNY systems must be transmitted to the Governor for approval prior to registration of the programs and enrollment of students.

Master Plan Amendment Summary Table

Name of Institution	Program Area	Location	Description of Master Plan Amendment
American University of Beirut	OHE	Lebanon	Authorization to offer first doctoral program in the disciplinary area of Business, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business