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**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Valerie Grey

**SUBJECT:** Swedish Institute, Inc.: Authorization to award the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree

**DATE:** June 6, 2011

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

### Summary

#### Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents authorize Swedish Institute, Inc. to confer the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree on duly qualified students successfully completing a registered program at Swedish Institute, Inc.?

#### Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

#### Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its June 2011 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### Procedural History

On September 3, 2010, the Department received a proposal from Swedish Institute, Inc. requesting registration of a nursing program leading to the A.A.S. degree.

#### Background Information

Swedish Institute's amendment of its Certificate of Incorporation will authorize the Institute to confer the additional degree of Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents Swedish Institute's first use of the Associate in Applied Science

degree title. Authorization by the Board of Regents will allow the approval of a program leading to the A.A.S. degree.

Swedish Institute, founded in 1916, has a long history of involvement in holistic health care education. The Institute currently has programs titled Advanced Personal Training, Clinical and Administrative Medical Assistant, Massage Therapy and Surgical Technologist leading to the Associate in Occupational Studies degree; a dual-degree program titled Acupuncture leading to the Bachelor of Professional Studies and Master of Science degrees; and a program titled Acupuncture leading to the Master of Science degree.

Swedish Institute, Inc. is proposing a 68-credit licensure qualifying nursing program leading to the A.A.S. degree. The proposed program consists of 27 credits of general education course work and 41 credits of nursing course work, which can be completed in 5 semesters of study. Students will complete a total of 675 clock hours of clinical practice at acute care and long-term care facilities. The program is scheduled to open in either September 2011 or January 2012, with an initial cohort of 20 students. At the end of the second calendar year of operation, total enrollment is expected to be 68. Future enrollment growth of approximately 10 percent a year will be dependent on achievement of acceptable outcomes.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize Swedish Institute, Inc. to confer the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree on duly qualified students successfully completing a registered A.A.S. program at Swedish Institute, Inc. effective June 21, 2011.

#### Timetable for Implementation

If the Board authorizes Swedish Institute, Inc. to confer the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree at Swedish Institute, Inc., the Department will proceed to register the proposed A.A.S. program in Nursing and the Institute will begin to recruit and enroll students in the program.