



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech

SUBJECT: State University College of Technology at Alfred:
Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) Degree

DATE: November 3, 2011

AUTHORIZATION(S):

Summary

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Board of Regents authorize the State University Board of Trustees to confer the Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree on duly-qualified students successfully completing registered programs at the State University College of Technology at Alfred.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

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

Procedural History

On January 19, 2010, the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution:

Resolved that the Chancellor be, and hereby is, directed to seek the authorization of the Board of Regents for the State University College of Technology at Alfred to confer the degree of Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.).

On January 26, 2010, the Department received the State University College of Technology at Alfred's proposal requesting registration of an Architecture program leading to the B.Arch. degree.

Background Information

Paragraph (f) of subdivision (2) of §355 of the Education Law authorizes the State University Board of Trustees:

To grant all degrees, diplomas and certificates which heretofore [i.e., July 1, 1948] have been granted or have been authorized to be granted upon the completion of courses of study in any state-operated institution which now is or hereafter may be in the state university, prior to the acquisition of such institution by the state university, and also such other degrees as the regents may hereafter specifically authorize them to grant.

At the State University College of Technology at Alfred, SUNY Trustees are authorized to confer the degrees of Associate in Arts (A.A), Associate in Science (A.S.), Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.), and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees on students successfully completing registered programs. Since SUNY Alfred now seeks to offer a B.Arch. degree in Architecture, Regents authorization is required because this will be the institution's first Bachelor of Architecture degree program.

The proposed, 5-year B.Arch. program is intended to prepare students for licensure in Architecture, and builds upon the College's longstanding A.A.S. and B.Tech. Architectural Technology programs. Candidates may enter the program after completing the College's related A.A.S. or B.Tech. Architectural Technology programs or apply directly to the B.Arch. program. To support enrollment projections of 282 Architecture and Architectural Technology students by year five, Alfred plans to add two new qualified faculty members to the existing faculty, for a projected total of 11 full-time faculty members.

The Department has determined that the program, if approved, would meet the registration standards set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the State University College of Technology at Alfred to confer the Bachelor of Architecture degree on students successfully completing registered B.Arch. programs at the State University College of Technology, effective November 15, 2011.