





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: David H. Hamilton 

SUBJECT: State University of New York at Fredonia: Authorization to Award the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) Degree

DATE: October 24, 2024

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) to confer the M.B.A degree at the State University of New York at Fredonia?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the full Board for action at its November 2024 meeting.

Procedural History

At its meeting on December 5, 2023, the SUNY Board of Trustees authorized the State University of New York at Fredonia to confer the M.B.A. degree, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. On the same day, the Department received SUNY Fredonia's application to register the M.B.A. program in Accounting.

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.

Degree authorization is necessary as the award represents the State University of New York at Fredonia's first use of the M.B.A. degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the M.B.A. degree.

State University of New York at Fredonia is authorized to offer the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.), Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S. in Ed), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Music (Mus.B.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.), Master of Science in education (M.S. in Ed.), and Master of Music (Mus.M.). The institution has existing B.S. programs in Accounting and Public Accountancy.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize the SUNY Board of Trustees to award the M.B.A. degree on duly qualified students successfully completing the M.B.A. program in Accounting at the State University of New York at Fredonia, effective November 5, 2024.

Timetable for Implementation

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