



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Master Plan Amendment Application
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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

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

Reason for Consideration

Required by State Statute (Education Law section 237).

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its December 2024 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 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 programs that require the master plan amendment, the applications will be submitted to either the Department's Office of Higher Education or Office of the Professions. The Regents must approve an amendment of each 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 Office of Higher Education's Office of College and University Evaluation (OCUE). OCUE has 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 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

The Department recommends that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents approve the master plan amendment application on the attached summary table.

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 Summary Table

Name of Institution	Location	Description of Master Plan Amendment
Bard College	Annandale-on-Hudson	Authorization to offer a program in Public Humanities leading to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree award. A master plan amendment is required because the proposed program will be the institution's first master's level program in the discipline of the Humanities.