



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College and Dowling College

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students who have completed programs at Glasgow Caledonian New York College and a program previously registered with Dowling College?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its June 2024 meeting.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

Section 208 of the Education Law gives the Regents the authority to make awards in certain circumstances. By statute and regulation, institutions of higher education that have provisional charters do not have the authority to award degrees. Until such time as a charter is made absolute, the Board of Regents awards degrees on behalf of provisionally chartered institutions.

In the case of closed institutions of higher education, in order to hold students harmless, the Board of Regents awards degrees to eligible students who complete the requirements for their registered degree programs at other institutions, for specified periods of time.

Glasgow Caledonian New York College

Glasgow Caledonian New York College, located at 64 Wooster Street, New York, New York, was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents on June 13, 2017. The provisional charter was extended in October 2022 for another five years. Glasgow Caledonian New York College offers Master of Science (M.S.) degrees in (1) Business for Social Impact and Sustainability (former title: Impact-Focused Business and Investing); (2) Sustainable Fashion (former title: International Fashion Marketing); (3) Risk, Resilience, and Integrity Management; and (4) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership.

Dowling College

Dowling College, which was located at 150 Idle Hour Boulevard in Oakdale, New York, was granted an absolute charter by the Board of Regents on September 27, 1968. On August 31, 2016, Dowling College closed. Former Dowling College students may apply for a Regents diploma if they meet all of the following criteria: were enrolled in Dowling College at the time of its closure; had 15 credits or less remaining to complete their registered Dowling program; can complete those credits at other colleges within three years from the closure of Dowling College (i.e., by August 31, 2019); and apply to the New York State Education Department no later than December 31, 2019. In rare circumstances, the Department has accepted Dowling degree conferral applications beyond this deadline.

The conferral process consists of the following steps:

For provisionally chartered institutions:

- The institution sends the Department a request for conferral of degrees to students who have completed their registered programs.
- The Department reviews the relevant documentation provided by the institution to ensure its accuracy. (This step may involve multiple communications with an institution depending upon the accuracy and completeness of the documentation provided.)
- The Department prepares a degree conferral item for Regents action that lists all candidates and the degrees earned.
- After the Regents have voted to confer the degrees, Department staff notify the institution of the Regents action. The institution prepares diplomas with the candidates' names and degrees completed, along with the signatures of appropriate officers at the institution.
- Institution-signed diplomas are sent to the Department for the imprinting of the signatures of the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the President of the University of the State of New York (USNY) (Commissioner of Education) and the affixing of the official Board of Regents seal to each diploma.

- Once the diplomas have the signatures of the Chancellor and the President of USNY, and the official Regents seal, the diplomas are mailed back to the institution to be provided to the students.

For closed institutions:

- The student submits to the Department official transcripts from the closed institution and any other institution at which the student earned credit toward the degree.
- The Department reviews the transcripts and compares the completed courses to the requirements of the registered program at the closed institution.
- Upon a determination that the student has completed the program requirements, the Department prepares a degree conferral item for Regents action that lists all candidates and the degrees earned.
- After the Regents have voted to confer the degrees, the Department prepares the diplomas with the candidates' names and degree awards, the diplomas are signed by the Chancellor and the President of USNY, and the official Regents seal is affixed.
- The completed diplomas are sent to the students by the Department.

Related Regents Items

February 2019: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College, Elyon College, and Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/219brca2.pdf>)

September 2019: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College, New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting & Sculpture, and Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#)

(<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/919brca2.pdf>)

February 2020: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/220brca1.pdf>)

July 2020: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College and City Seminary of New York Graduate Center](#)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/720brca4revised.pdf>)

September 2020: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/920brca1.pdf>)

February 2021: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/221brca2.pdf>)

June 2021: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/621brca5.pdf>)

October 2021: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1021brca3.pdf)
(https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1021brca3.pdf)

February 2022: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/222brca1.pdf)
(https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/222brca1.pdf)

June 2022: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/622brca2.pdf)
(https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/622brca2.pdf)

September 2022: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College and Glasgow Caledonian New York College](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/922brca5.pdf)
(https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/922brca5.pdf)

February 2023: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/223brca1.pdf)
(https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/223brca1.pdf)

June 2023: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/623brca1.pdf)
(https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/623brca1.pdf)

September 2023: [Conferral of Degrees: Dowling College](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/923brca1.pdf)
(https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/923brca1.pdf)

March 2024: [Conferral of Degrees: Glasgow Caledonian New York College](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/324brca2.pdf)
(https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/324brca2.pdf)

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the Board of Regents confer upon the following individuals, who have completed the requirements for registered degree programs at Glasgow Caledonian New York College and Dowling College, the respective degree as listed below.

Glasgow Caledonian New York College

The following students have completed the requirements for the Master of Science (M.S.) award:

Lara Morrison
Lucretia Costa
Eda Baysak

Dowling College

The following student has completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) award:

Nichole Liriano

Timetable for Implementation

Once the Board of Regents approves this item, appropriately signed diplomas will be issued to students.