



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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SUBJECT: State University of New York at Plattsburgh: Authorization to Award the Master of Social Work (MSW) Degree

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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 Master of Social Work (MSW) degree at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh?

Reason for Consideration

Required by State Statute.

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full Board at its July 2024 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

At its January 23, 2024, meeting, the SUNY Board of Trustees authorized the State University of New York at Plattsburgh to offer the MSW program. On January 24, 2024, the Department received the request from the institution to offer an MSW program in Social Work.

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 Plattsburgh's first use of the MSW degree title. Board of Regents approval of this authorization will allow the registration of acceptable programs leading to the MSW degree.

The institution has existing related degree programs including a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

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 MSW degree on duly qualified students successfully completing the MSW program at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh effective July 16, 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.