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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor

SUBJECT: Master Plan Amendment for State University of New York at Oswego–Metro Center

Action Requested

The proposed resolution authorizes State University of New York at Oswego – Metro Center to offer the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in the disciplinary area of the humanities, subject to approval by the New York State Board of Regents and the Governor.

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that the State University of New York Master Plan be, and hereby is, amended to authorize State University of New York at Oswego–Metro Center to offer instruction leading to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in the disciplinary area of the humanities; and be it further

Resolved that the Chancellor or designee be, and hereby is, authorized to transmit this amendment to the New York State Board of Regents and the Governor for incorporation into the State University of New York Master Plan.

Background

Approval of this resolution will authorize State University of New York at Oswego – Metro Center (“SUNY Oswego – Metro Center”) to offer the Bachelor

of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees in the disciplinary area of the humanities, subject to approval by the New York Board of Regents and the Governor. New York State Education Law §237 and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education (Title 8 NYCRR §52.1 and Part 54) require that a master plan amendment be submitted and approved in order for an institution of higher education to offer a program in a disciplinary area in which it has not previously been approved to offer such a program. This will be the first baccalaureate degree program to be offered by SUNY Oswego–Metro Center in the disciplinary area of the humanities.

The proposed B.A. and B.S. in Integrative Professional Studies are designed as upper-division programs for those who have previously completed at least two years of study and are seeking to complete a flexible baccalaureate degree that is interdisciplinary and thematically organized around each student's professional goals. The programs begin with an introductory course and conclude with a capstone course, both of which are focused on workplace skills. The B.A. is for students seeking a broad liberal arts experience that includes coursework in the humanities and social sciences, whereas the B.S. is for students seeking to include additional coursework focused on occupational objectives in fields such as business, education, or healthcare. Both programs will provide students with the opportunity to earn credit for prior learning.

The Integrative Professional Studies B.A. and B.S. complement the same programs offered through the SUNY Oswego main campus in the standard and distance education modalities by offering these programs in the standard modality at SUNY Oswego–Metro Center, alongside the professionally-focused programs already registered at SUNY Oswego–Metro Center in the areas of business, education, and healthcare.

Total projected enrollment in the first year of the proposed programs is 5 full-time and 20 part-time students, increasing to 45 full-time and 70 part-time students by year five.

The occupational objectives for students in the proposed programs are broad and varied and therefore the market demand for graduates cannot be succinctly represented. According to labor market analytics tool Lightcast, the top specialized skills for occupations in the Central New York region for those with a baccalaureate degree include project management, process improvement, and data analysis, which align with the student learning outcomes of the proposed programs. Additionally, the Lightcast analysis indicates the Central New York region outpaces the national average for occupations that typically require at least a baccalaureate degree.

The Integrative Professional Studies B.A. and B.S. will draw on existing faculty and other resources, with the only new cost being expenditures to support marketing and recruitment.

The external evaluator noted multiple strengths of the programs, including that they align with the needs of prospective students and employers and that SUNY Oswego has well-qualified faculty and staff committed to ensure student success in the program.

Offering the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Integrative Professional Studies aligns with the mission of State University of New York at Oswego–Metro Center. The program has been carefully reviewed by the System Provost’s Office and Office of Budget and found to be sound, both academically and fiscally.

