

Concerned Stakeholder
D'Youville College
320 Porter Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14201

Regent Catherine Collins
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Dear Regent Collins:

This letter is intended to urge your consideration and approval for D'Youville College's (D'Youville) University designation (application submitted on November 2, 2018 at 5:02PM). As detailed within, our institution clearly meets all the Board of Regents criteria defining the term "University." However, to the best of our knowledge, D'Youville's application has not been forwarded to the New York State Board of Regents for review and approval.

As trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, we are concerned that D'Youville's pending application is unnecessarily causing a serious competitive disadvantage that will result in negative financial consequences to an otherwise healthy educational institution. By obstructing D'Youville from the ability to claim university status, you are destabilizing the long-term viability of a very critical employer in the City of Buffalo and New York State region.

Defining a "University":

New York State Education Law §224(1) prohibits an entity from conducting business utilizing the "university" terminology unless the Board of Regents has given it permission to do so. The Board approved definition of a "university" is:

a higher education institution offering a range of registered undergraduate and graduate curricula in the liberal arts and sciences, degrees in two or more professional fields, and doctoral programs in at least three academic fields [§50.1].

That is to say, university status is designated based upon the following three criteria:

1. offering registered undergraduate and graduate curricula in the liberal arts and sciences,
2. offering degrees in at least two (2) professional fields, and
3. offering doctoral programs in at least three (3) academic fields.

To evaluate these criteria, one must further define the terms "professional field" and "academic field." Our understanding of a *professional field* is any of the listed New York State licensed professions provided on the NYSED website (www.op.nysed.gov/prof/). Leslie Templeman and John D'Agati have proposed to us that an *academic field* is any program which is recognized by New York State's taxonomy of education programs and classified with a Higher Education General Information System (HEGIS) Code.

D'Youville's Point-to-Point Response to the University Designation Criteria:

The following sections provide a concise point-to-point response describing how D'Youville currently meets the required criteria to be recognized as a university.

1. Offering registered undergraduate and graduate curricula in the liberal arts and sciences.
D'Youville offers at least twenty (20) registered undergraduate and graduate curricula in the liberal arts and sciences. Some representative examples of these programs are:

