RESOLVED, That the amendment to the Governance Plan of The City College of New York, attached hereto as Appendix 1, be adopted effective July 1, 2012.

EXPLANATION: The City College of New York (“CCNY”) proposes a change in the promotion procedure outlined in the Interim Amendment (dated March 27, 1995) to its Governance Plan. The CCNY Faculty Senate approved this amendment on March 15, 2012, and it is recommended by the College President.

Under the existing promotion procedure pursuant to the Board Bylaws (Section 9.6), and the Interim Amendment dated March 27, 1995 to the CCNY Governance Plan (the “1995 Amendment”), promotion at the department level is voted on by the department promotions committee, which is composed of all faculty of higher rank than the candidate considered. In addition, the promotions committee is chaired by the department chairperson. If the chairperson does not hold equal or higher rank than the candidate considered, the most senior person of that department by reason of service becomes the chair of the promotions committee.

The proposed amendment states that, if the department chairperson cannot chair the promotions committee because of his or her rank, the department faculty eligible to vote shall elect a member of the highest rank to be chairperson of the promotions committee, rather than have the most senior person automatically serve as chairperson. Thus, the proposed change will ensure that the department as a whole participates in the election of the chairperson of a promotions committee and chooses a chair among the faculty of the highest rank to serve as chairperson of a promotions committee, rather than defaulting to the most senior faculty member by virtue of service.

In addition, the College wishes to consolidate the 1995 Amendment, which had remained separate, with the existing text of Article IX of the Governance Plan (Departmental Structure), and eliminate certain outdated provisions.