KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Naming of the Regina Peruggi Academic Center

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the Academic Village at Kingsborough Community College as the “Regina Peruggi Academic Center.”

EXPLANATION: Respected as an experienced and creative leader in higher education, Regina Peruggi has led Kingsborough Community College to new levels of achievement with an emphasis on improving institutional effectiveness and student learning outcomes. Since Dr. Peruggi assumed the presidency of Kingsborough in August 2004, the College has instituted a strategic planning process, expanded an innovative Learning Communities model, instituted a Workforce and Economic Development Center, founded one of the first Single Stop USA centers on a community college campus, developed new academic programs, engaged its KCC Foundation Board members and alumni in College advancement efforts, and re-energized faculty development programs. These achievements, among others, were recognized by the Aspen Institute for College Excellence Program in 2013 by naming Kingsborough one of the top four community colleges in the nation.

Prior to her presidential appointment at Kingsborough, Dr. Peruggi served CUNY in other capacities. In 1974 she joined York College, where she developed and directed the York College Community Learning Center. In 1984, she moved to the CUNY Office of Academic Affairs and in 1986 assumed the position of University Associate Dean for Adult and Continuing Education. As Associate Dean, she expanded literacy programs for adults, initiated programs for the University with business, industry and major labor unions, and was responsible for starting several special faculty development projects.

Dr. Peruggi has been an active member of many civic boards and academic associations and, most recently, has been contributing to New York City resiliency efforts through her work on the Board of the Jamaica Bay/Rockaway Parklands Conservancy.

Upon President Peruggi's retirement from Kingsborough Community College and in recognition of her lasting contributions to The City University of New York and to thousands of Kingsborough students, the College recommends the naming of its Academic Village, in which reside many of the programs that she instituted, in her honor.