QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Appointment of Denise Ward as Vice President for Pre-College, Continuing Education, and Workforce Development

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the appointment of Ms. Denise Ward as Vice President for Pre-College, Continuing Education, and Workforce Development at Queensborough Community College, effective September 9, 2014.

EXPLANATION: Denise Ward is a seasoned visionary and leader who has provided leadership to Queensborough’s students and community in the areas of Continuing Education and Workforce Development since 2007. She currently serves as Interim Vice President for Pre-College, Continuing Education, and Workforce Development. Due to Ms. Ward’s extraordinary vision and leadership, the College was recently awarded $10 million dollars of Governor Cuomo’s NY CUNY 2020 grant to establish a healthcare clinic and training center in Northern Queens, which brings together as partners a number of CUNY schools and community based organizations.

Ms. Ward is also responsible for oversight of the College’s pre-college programs, including the CUNY Language Immersion Program, CUNY Start, College Now, and Career Clusters. She also oversees grants such as the Project Prize/Liberty Partnerships and the 21st Century Community Learning Center. She serves as the College Lead to establish a new CUNY Early College High School Initiative that will open this semester, B Tech, and will collaborate among the NYC Department of Education, Queensborough Community College and an industry partner.

Ms. Ward holds a B.A. in Comparative Literature from Brooklyn College and an M.B.A. from Pace University. She has held leadership roles in the business community for more than 25 years, and also served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, Persian Gulf/Pacific Fleet.