YORK COLLEGE

Amendments to the Charter

RESOLVED, That the proposed amendments to the Charter of York College be adopted, effective June 30, 2015.

EXPLANATION: The proposed amendments to the York College (“the College”) Senate Charter (“the Charter”) incorporate best practices from other college governance plans, respond to recommendations from the last Middle States review, and facilitate achievement of quorum for an important Charter committee. The changes were approved by the College’s Senate on February 10, 2015 and are recommended by the College’s President.

As proposed, the Charter permits the use of alternates for the Committee on Curriculum to allow this Committee to improve its effectiveness in light of the quorum requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

The Charter also would establish two new committees, the Committee on Governance and the Committee on Resources, and would abolish the Committee on Admissions. The Committee on Governance would be responsible for reviewing the structure and process of governance on an ongoing basis, in accordance with best practices in other governance plans. The Committee on Resources would allow the faculty to have a more formal role in ensuring that the College’s budget is in alignment with the College’s mission and strategic plan. The Committee on Admissions was deemed antiquated, as enrollment management has become a more centralized function managed by the University Processing Admissions Center. The role of that Committee on recommending policy, however, will be incorporated into the functions of the updated Committee on Academic Policy and Standards.

The amendments also include some updates to the responsibilities of other committees and changes to the elections calendar.