BARUCH COLLEGE: MPA Program Excellence Fee

RESOLVED, that The City University of New York adopt an academic excellence fee of $500 per semester for students in the MPA Program at the Baruch College School of Public Affairs, effective with the Fall 2014 semester.

EXPLANATION: The Baruch College School of Public Affairs (SPA) operates a large and distinguished MPA program that produces each year more graduates than any other MPA program in the United States. It is academically selective, admitting a talented and demanding student body. It is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), which requires investment in career services and other forms of student support at a level inconsistent with the current resource base. The other two graduate degree programs in SPA already implement an Academic Excellence Fee (AEF). Implementing this fee on MPA students will create consistent fees across all of SPA’s graduate programs and thereby improve equity. In addition:

- The AEF will permit greater support for career services.
- The AEF will permit more scholarship and graduate assistantship support.
- AEF revenue will support greater academic capacity overall.
- As with current AEF spending in SPA, the large majority will go to direct student services.