I.B.9 QUEENS COLLEGE - BA in MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

RESOLVED, that the program in Middle Eastern Studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree at Queens College be approved, effective June 28, 2011, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: This major addresses the importance placed on the study of language and culture in the Queens College’s strategic plan and the growing national need for experts in fields linked to Middle Eastern Studies. The program will introduce students to Middle Eastern Studies through the study of language, literature, civilization, and history and will prepare them for graduate level study and employment in fields such as international studies, law, politics, publishing, media, diplomacy, and human rights. The new major in Middle Eastern Studies will be the first program of its kind in CUNY. Given the diversity of the student population at the College and in the borough of Queens itself, it is fitting that this program be located at Queens College. The college has raised substantial outside funds to help launch the program.