RESOLVED, that The City University of New York Policy on Academic Integrity, as revised, be adopted, effective July 1, 2011.

NOTE: See Appendix 1

EXPLANATION: The City University of New York (“CUNY”) is committed to ensuring that its students adhere to principles of academic integrity. In 2004, CUNY adopted a Policy on Academic Integrity to memorialize those principles. Under the Policy, students who violate those principles, through cheating, plagiarism, obtaining unfair advantage over other students, or falsifying records or official documents, are subject to either academic or disciplinary sanctions, depending on the circumstances.

In practice, the Policy has worked well, but revisions are necessary to reflect evolving legal requirements, practical considerations and technological advances. Most notably, the proposed amendments to the Policy afford additional due process protections to students who deny the allegations of academic dishonesty where academic rather than disciplinary sanctions are sought, including the right to written notice of the charges, the right to appear before the adjudicatory committee, and the right to present witness statements and/or call witnesses. The revised Policy also clarifies the circumstances under which disciplinary rather than academic sanctions are appropriate. It further guarantees a collaborative process between faculty members and each college’s Academic Integrity Officer in cases of possible academic dishonesty. The revised Policy also references increased use of college websites and electronic plagiarism detection devices.

In addition, while continuing to provide campuses with discretion in many areas, the proposed revised Policy seeks to improve consistency across campuses and to afford additional clarity concerning enforcement against students who have enrolled in multiple CUNY campuses. While the revisions are effective immediately, it is expected that they will be implemented by the start of the fall 2011 semester.