RESOLVED, that the program in Accounting for Forensic Accounting/Economics leading to the Associate of Science/Bachelor of Science at Borough of Manhattan Community College and John Jay College be approved, effective September 27, 2011, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) and John Jay College of Criminal Justice propose to offer an Associate in Science degree in Accounting for Forensic Accounting as a jointly registered, dual admission program to the existing Bachelor of Science in Economics with specialization in Forensic Financial Analysis at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (John Jay). BMCC will offer the foundation courses in accounting in addition to much of the general education requirements. The collegial nature of the program will facilitate the students’ transition to the professional portion of the curriculum offered by John Jay. Recent research conducted by West Virginia University indicates that there is an “…increased demand for entry-level practitioners and professionals who have greater fraud awareness, as well as knowledge and skills related to fraud and forensic accounting…” This program will both create a smooth transition for students from community to senior college as well as lead to direct employment opportunities upon graduation.