RESOLVED, that the program in Accounting for Forensic Accounting/Economics leading to the Associate of Science/Bachelor of Science at Queensborough Community College and John Jay College be approved, effective February 28, 2012, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: Queensborough Community College (QCC) 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 with the existing Bachelor of Science in Economics with a specialization in Forensic Financial Analysis at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (John Jay). This is not a curriculum which fulfills the educational requirements for a career in public accounting. There are several such programs throughout CUNY that offer that career path to students. QCC will offer the foundation courses in accounting in addition to much of the general education requirements, and John Jay will offer most of the professional education. One advantage of the jointly registered program is the administrative facility that eases the students’ transition to the professional portion of the curriculum offered by John Jay. The demand for accountants with this expertise has increased dramatically. With the growing problems on Wall Street, firms are hiring forensic accountants to uncover financial and ethical irregularities, determine who is responsible, and assess asset misappropriation and resulting economic damages. 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 from John Jay. Similar programs have already been registered with other CUNY community colleges.