RESOLVED, that the program in Disability Studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts in the School of Professional Studies through the Graduate School be approved, effective February 28, 2012, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: The BA in Disability Studies is a degree completion program for individuals with a minimum of 30 college credits. Although many community colleges offer degrees in Disability Studies, this will be the first in the nation at the baccalaureate level. This program views disability studies through the lenses of various social science and humanities disciplines. In addition to providing a solid liberal arts curriculum, the curriculum equips graduates with the knowledge and skills to seek employment in positions with titles such as administrator of residential facilities, case manager, and employment skills coordinator. This program will be taught completely in an on-line format, allowing recruitment from a very wide geographic market including prospective students who might be prevented from taking classes in the traditional format.