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

EXPLANATION: The MA in Urban Studies is a thirty credit professional graduate degree being proposed by SPS and developed with the assistance of the Joseph S. Murphy Institute for Worker Education. The degree will prepare graduates for employment in the government and non-profit sectors. Students select one of three areas of specialization: Public Policy and Administration; Health Care Policy and Administration; and the Urban Workforce, which focuses on labor studies. The proposal contains letters of support from Local 1180, Communications Workers of America, and DC 37 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, both of which have generous tuition benefit programs for their members.