RESOLVED, that the Institute for Language Education in Transcultural Context, to be housed at the Graduate School and University Center, be established effective June 26, 2012 subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: CUNY’S distinct advantage as the nation’s largest urban public university affords it the opportunity to leverage itself as a national center for the study of world languages and cultures at both our senior and community colleges. Among other activities, the Institute would fulfill its mission by collecting data on the teaching of languages other than English; conducting research into the development of translingual and transcultural communication; identifying strategic languages and campuses for the development of academic programs, including summer institutes, language immersion, study abroad and on-line education, and by forging alliances with K-12 institutions.