RESOLVED, that the proposed program in Nursing leading to the Bachelor of Science, offered by the School of Professional Studies through The Graduate School and University Center, be approved effective November 27, 2012, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: The number of CUNY alumni who are registered nurses holding an associate’s degree and wishing to continue on for the bachelor’s degree in Nursing far exceeds the current capacity of the existing CUNY programs. Working nurses, many of whom also have family responsibilities, have a difficult time attending classes that meet at fixed times in classrooms at a location that may require additional weekly commuting time. At the same time, professional organizations within the healthcare industry are calling for an increase in the number of baccalaureate educated nurses. In response to all of these issues, The School of Professional Studies (SPS) is proposing a BS in Nursing degree completion program. The curriculum is comprised of nursing courses that are evidence-based and teach competencies identified by several national initiatives and professional organizations, as well as including traditional liberal arts courses. The program will be offered completely in an on-line, asynchronous format, allowing the students to compete their studies remotely. The on-line format will also allow SPS to recruit and enroll working nurses outside of its traditional geographic market.