I.B.3 THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND— DNP in NURSING PRACTICE

RESOLVED, that the proposed program in Nursing Practice leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) be offered at The College of Staten Island be approved, effective November 27, 2012, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: The proposed 87-credit program is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses who can provide evidenced-based cost effective high quality care for persons from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, translating research into clinical practice. The curriculum will include diagnosis and treatment of illness or health conditions, advocacy for underserved and culturally diverse individuals and groups, decision making related to personal health, the constraint of health care costs while maintaining quality of care, health informatics, health education, counseling, coordination of services, and evaluation of treatment outcomes.

A clinical doctoral degree in nursing represents the Department of Nursing’s efforts to meet the anticipated requirement by their accrediting organization, American Association of Colleges of Nursing (ACCN), to make the DNP a requirement for entry to practice for advanced practice nursing. In addition, the proposed DNP program is expected to fulfill a strong local, regional, and national need for doctorally prepared advanced practice nurses who can help fill the anticipated shortage of primary care physicians. The college is confident that its own undergraduate degree in nursing and other programs in the area will be natural feeders for the CSI DNP.

The proposed program builds on the existing Master’s programs in Adult Health Nursing and Gerontological Nursing. Most full-time faculty hold doctoral degrees; several have been involved in teaching in the DNS program offered by the Graduate center jointly with CSI, Lehman, and Hunter. The program will be supported by existing equipment, including high-fidelity simulation laboratories, health assessment lab, nursing computer labs, and library resources. The additional revenue generated by this program will more than offset the cost of running the program.