RESOLVED, that the proposed program in Social Work leading to the Master of Social Work (MSW) be offered at The College of Staten Island be approved, effective June 25, 2013, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: The MSW is the first licensure-qualifying degree in Social Work. The College of Staten Island, which has long experience in teaching Social Work at the undergraduate level, has established the need for a third MSW program at CUNY, in addition to programs currently offered by Hunter and Lehman Colleges. Responding to growing regional and national need, the MSW program at CSI will particularly emphasize preparing its graduates to work with individuals with developmental disabilities. The curriculum will follow the requirements for professional accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and meet licensure requirements of New York State for both Licensed Master Social Workers and Licensed Clinical Social Workers.