RESOLVED, that the Letter of Intent (LOI), permitting City College to propose a combined BS/MD in Biomedical Science/Medicine be approved effective November 26, 2013, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education presently offers a unique integrated BS/MD program. This program provides access to medical education for youth from social, ethnic, and racial backgrounds historically underrepresented in medicine, and develops primary care physicians committed to practicing in underserved communities. In its current structure, City College, through the Sophie Davis School, awards a BS in Biomedical Education and one of six cooperating medical schools awards the MD. Although this model has been successful, at this time, Sophie Davis is seeking to become a Doctor of Medicine degree granting institution in order to offer the full BS/MD program at CUNY. While City College develops a full proposal for this program to be brought to CAPPR at a future date, approval of this LOI is being sought now so that City College may begin working with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (the medical school accreditor) to develop an accreditable program, as well as begin preparing to request a Master Plan Amendment from the New York State Department of Education. By controlling the full continuum of our students’ medical education, this combined BS/MD program will provide the transformational path needed for New York City and State to educate and train primary care physicians to practice in communities that have the highest need for basic medical care and services.