I.B.6 - LEHMAN COLLEGE – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES, HUMAN SERVICES AND NURSING

RESOLVED, that the School of Health Sciences, Human Services and Nursing be established at Lehman College effective July 1, 2014, subject to financial ability. The School shall consist of four existing departments: Health Sciences, Nursing, Social Work, and Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences.

EXPLANATION: Pursuant to academic and institutional planning, and following consultation with faculty, students, and the administrative leadership, Lehman College proposes to create a new School of Health Sciences, Human Services and Nursing that will house four existing departments: Health Sciences, Nursing, Social Work and Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences.

The first three departments are currently housed in the School of Natural and Social Sciences and the last is currently housed in the School of Arts and Humanities. This reorganization does not alter the core functions or assignments of College faculty—teaching, research/scholarship, and service—or the ways departments are organized to facilitate the execution of those functions. Moreover, the fundamentals of faculty governance and administrative management will remain unchanged. Although two additional full time lines are requested for fiscal 2015 and 2016 to cover administrative support to serve as dean and associate dean for the School, the increased visibility, fundraising, and grantsmanship should provide a significant return on the initial investment.

It is the expectation of Lehman College that the creation of a new School of Health Sciences, Human Services and Nursing will increase the visibility, identity and capabilities of these departments and programs as they prepare a growing number of students for professional careers in the local and global health care industries. The new School will enhance service learning and internship opportunities through greater collaborations with local schools and hospitals, as well as with social services, health and governmental agencies that should also strengthen Lehman College’s contribution to the economic development of the region, an important feature of the College’s mission. The campus wide Faculty Personnel & Budget Committee approved the establishment of the School on November 8th, 2011.