RESOLVED, that there be established at the College of Staten Island, a School of Health Sciences consisting of the present departments of Nursing and Physical Therapy effective February 25, 2014.

EXPLANATION: The Nursing and Physical Therapy Departments voted to support the establishment of a School of Health Sciences consistent with the strategic plans of the University, College and the two founding departments. This action was supported by the Institutional Planning Committee, the College Council and the Faculty Senate, and reflects a national trend among disciplines such as nursing and physical therapy with both unique and similar characteristics as professional practice and academic disciplines. While Nursing and Physical Therapy are unique with regard to levels of education and similar yet different foci of research, each also has clinical instruction/placement needs, licensure, and accreditation by discipline-specific bodies. The partnering of Nursing and Physical Therapy within a school environment is logical and conducive to interprofessional understanding and collaboration, future growth within the founding departments and expansion of the School to include other departments focusing on additional health related sciences. The School will be the home to the only doctoral degree programs at CSI, DPT and DNP, and as such will be a focus of fund raising activities to generate scholarship money to the benefit of undergraduate and graduate students in the health sciences.