I.B.1 – SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – MS IN DISABILITY SERVICES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

RESOLVED, that the program in Disability Services leading to the Master of Science at the School of Professional Studies of the Graduate School and University Center be approved, effective December 2, 2014, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: The increase in previously undetected learning disabilities and the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act have created a demand on all college and university campuses for professionals knowledgeable in student and faculty accommodations as well as the details of the law. Currently most professionals in this field have tangentially related graduate degrees and acquire the theory, practice and skills to run a disability services office through professional development programs and on the job experience. This program covers the various types of disabilities and appropriate accommodations, the legal requirements as well as the administration of such offices. This degree will be the first of its kind in the nation and will be taught completely in an on-line format, allowing SPS to recruit nationally. The School has already established relationships with relevant professional organizations.