RESOLVED, that the program in Spanish leading to the Bachelor of Arts at John Jay College be approved, effective May 4, 2015, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: As part of its strategic agenda to offer a full array of liberal arts majors, John Jay College is proposing a B.A. in Spanish. Students will specialize in either the more traditional option, literature and culture of Spanish speaking peoples, or a more professional option on translation and interpretation. Forty-one percent of John Jay students are from heritages in which Spanish is the dominant language, the highest percentage of all of the senior colleges. The Department of Modern Languages and Literature does not anticipate needing to hire any additional faculty members and very few new courses will need to be created for this program, making this a low cost program with an anticipation of strong enrollment.