I.B.1 – LEHMAN COLLEGE – DNP in NURSING PRACTICE

RESOLVED, that the program in Nursing Practice offered at Lehman College leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice, be approved, effective February 29, 2016, subject to financial ability.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees requests that the New York State Board of Regents amend the Master Plan of Lehman College so as to permit the College to offer the above-cited program leading to the DNP.

EXPLANATION: The proposed 39-credit program for individuals holding the Masters in Nursing Practice is designed to prepare them to provide evidenced-based cost effective high quality care for persons from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, translating research into clinical practice. The curriculum will include diagnosis and treatment of illness or health conditions, advocacy for underserved and culturally diverse individuals and groups, decision making related to personal health, the constraint of health care costs while maintaining quality of care, health informatics, health education, counseling, coordination of services, and evaluation of treatment outcomes.

A clinical doctoral degree in nursing represents the Department of Nursing’s efforts to meet the anticipated requirement by their accrediting organization, American Association of Colleges of Nursing (ACCN), to make the DNP a requirement for entry to practice for advanced practice nursing. In addition, the proposed DNP program is expected to fulfill a strong local, regional, and national need for doctorally prepared advanced practice nurses who can help fill the anticipated shortage of primary care physicians. The college is confident that its own alumni and graduates of other masters programs in the area will be natural feeders for the Lehman DNP. A master plan amendment is required because this is Lehman College’s first program at the doctoral level.