RESOLVED, that the program in Youth Studies offered at the School of Professional Studies of the Graduate School and University Center and leading to the Master of Arts, be approved, effective February 29, 2016, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: There is a plethora of employment opportunities that do not require teacher certification or other forms of licensing, both within and outside of the school system, that involve working either directly with young people or at the policy making level. A relevant master’s degree will increase career opportunities and advancement for interested individuals. While the program has an applied focus, it also views the field through the humanities and social sciences by exploring such areas as adolescent psychological and sexual development, group dynamics, and disabilities. Undergraduate programs, particularly at Brooklyn and York, will serve as feeder programs to this program which is the first of its kind in New York City.