I.B.11 - THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - PLAN FOR EXPERIENTIAL OR APPLIED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED, that the University’s plan to make available to students enrolled in an academic program, beginning in the 2016-17 academic year, approved experiential or applied learning activities, as required by State law, be approved effective May 2, 2016 subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: The plan, to be submitted to the State by June 1, 2016, was developed by a Task Force appointed by Chancellor Milliken, in consultation with the University Faculty Senate, the University Student Senate and other stakeholders. The 2015-16 adopted New York State Budget required the adoption of such plan by the University. In response, the Board resolved that the University develop such plan, and the Chancellor charged a Task Force with this responsibility. Such plan, subject to Board approval, defines approved experiential or applied learning activities, explores potential methods of enhancing faculty oversight and assessment, identifies potential methods for expanding student engagement, considers ways of expanding partnerships with business, corporate, non-profit or other entities hosting students, puts forth steps developing a data collection system to track such activities, and addresses the question of feasibility for making such activities a degree requirement.

As the University undertakes the action steps outlined in the plan, in consultation with all CUNY constituencies the Chancellor will promulgate guidelines and procedures to advance college-level work related to the analysis and expansion of experiential learning activities.

As the Chancellor expressed to the Board in May 2015, the opportunity for experiential learning for CUNY students is a great advantage, and that all things being equal, it is one that the University would like to provide.

With the Board’s support, the University looks forward to submitting this plan to the State and moving forward with the outlined efforts.