BARUCH COLLEGE

Appointment of John Brenkman as Acting Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the appointment of Dr. John Brenkman as Acting Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Baruch College, effective February 7, 2012.

EXPLANATION: Dr. John Brenkman is eminently qualified to assume this acting appointment. Professor Brenkman holds the title of Distinguished Professor; he has taught at Baruch since 1989. Professor Brenkman has served as chair of the English Department at Baruch College since 2009, and he also currently chairs the P&B Committee of the Weissman School of Arts & Sciences. He teaches American literature, the novel, and various special topics in modern literature. He also teaches in the PhD Programs in English and Comparative Literature at the CUNY Graduate Center, and he directs the U.S.-Europe Seminar at Baruch College.

Educated at the University of Iowa, Professor Brenkman taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1974-82) and Northwestern University (1982-89) before coming to CUNY. He has been a fellow at the Oregon State University Humanities Center and a Visiting Professor at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts and in the Institut du Monde Anglophone at the University of Paris III. In 1995, he directed an NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers at Baruch College on “Culture and Democracy: Emergent American Literatures.” He is a past president of the English Institute at Harvard University and currently serves on its board.

John Brenkman has a deep and broad knowledge of Baruch College, which has only been enhanced by the administrative positions in which he has been serving. He has outstanding working relationships with his faculty colleagues, and he is well-respected by all of the faculty and staff with whom he works.

The President strongly recommends this temporary appointment.