HUNTER COLLEGE

Appointment of Jeffrey T. Parsons as Distinguished Professor of Psychology

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York appoint Dr. Jeffrey T. Parsons as Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Hunter College effective July 1, 2012, with compensation of $28,594 per annum in addition to his regular academic salary, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: Professor Parsons has been a member of the Hunter College faculty since 2000. He is known as a leading global expert in four often overlapping areas of psychological and public health research: sexual health; substance use/abuse; the health of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) individuals; and, perhaps most prominently, HIV/AIDS prevention.

Professor Parsons’ many accomplishments include the establishment of the world-renowned Center for HIV/AIDS Educational Studies and Training (CHEST). His publication and funding records are nothing short of remarkable. He has published over 190 papers in peer-reviewed journals in the past two decades. At $30 million, his external grant funding is the highest total of all faculty at his college. His numerous honors include recognition from the American Psychological Association (APA) for “Outstanding Contribution to the Advancement of Public Interest Policy,” designation as an APA Fellow, and appointments to several prominent advisory panels, including the White House Office on National AIDS Policy HIV and Aging Working Group.

Professor Parsons completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Puget Sound and earned his doctorate in developmental psychology from the University of Houston. In addition to his Hunter College appointment, he teaches at the CUNY School of Public Health at Hunter College and at the Graduate Center.

Hunter College and The City University of New York will be well served by Professor Parsons’ appointment as Distinguished Professor.