THE NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Appointment of Laura Gambino as Professor with Tenure
with Waiver of the Terminal Degree Requirement

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the appointment of Laura Gambino as Professor with Tenure at The New Community College, waiving the terminal degree requirement, effective August 24, 2012.

EXPLANATION: The New Community College initiated a search to recruit a faculty member to assume leadership roles in establishing central aspects of the NCC’s academic model and transforming the overall quality of teaching and assessment, including playing a significant role in the college’s planned ePortfolio-based assessment system, which is central to the design of the NCC’s academic model as a tool for improved teaching and as a means of assessing learning outcomes at the course, program and institutional level. The NCC’s search process was successful in finding such a unique and talented candidate: Professor Laura Gambino.

Professor Gambino began her academic career in 2000 at Tunxis Community College, where she was promoted to associate professor with tenure at in 2004 and to full professor in 2007. She is a lead researcher in the FIPSE-funded “Connect to Learning” (C2L), a national effort to identify and document best practices in ePortfolios. Her participation in a project initiated by LaGuardia Community College and the Association for Authentic, Experiential and Evidence-Based Learning (AAEEBL), a group focused on ePortfolio based teaching and assessment, has propelled Professor Gambino into the international arena as well.

Professor Gambino’s academic credentials include a B.S. in Computer Science *summa cum laude* from Adelphi University and a Master’s degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Professor Gambino is presently completing a doctoral program at Capella University and her dissertation topic is on engaging faculty in assessment and the use of ePortfolio. Conferral of the doctoral degree is expected in 2013.

Based on her outstanding record as a teacher and scholar as well as her knowledge and demonstrated record of success in advancing ePortfolio and assessment on college campuses around the country, the President recommends her appointment as a full Professor with tenure, without a terminal degree.