BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Appointment of Dinaw Mengestu as Professor with Tenure
with Waiver of §6.2.c. of the Bylaws

RESOLVED, That Dinaw Mengestu be appointed Professor with immediate tenure in the Department of English at Brooklyn College, with waiver of §6.2.c. of the Bylaws.

EXPLANATION: Since August 2012, Professor Mengestu has held the Lannan Chair in Poetics, a distinguished visiting position, at Georgetown University. He is an internationally acclaimed novelist and in 2012 was a recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship. His writings have won such awards as the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and the Guardian First Book Award. He holds an M.F.A. in Fiction from Columbia University. On the basis of his current position, his many awards and his prolific prize-winning writing, the College requests a bylaw waiver to appoint Professor Mengestu with immediate tenure, waiving the previous tenure requirement in §6.2.c. of the Bylaws.