HUNTER COLLEGE

Naming of the Jonathan Fanton Executive Director at the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Jonathan Fanton Executive Director” at the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College.

EXPLANATION: Jonathan Fanton, the new President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, was instrumental in launching the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College. Serving as its initial Executive Director when it was first created, he turned the Institute into a leading public policy center in just five years. The Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute provides a platform from which high quality scholarship effectively informs and influences public debate and public life.

In addition to his duties as President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Mr. Fanton currently serves as a Franklin D. Roosevelt Visiting Fellow at Hunter College. In November 2014, he accepted an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Hunter College. Prior to his association with Hunter, Mr. Fanton served as President of The MacArthur Foundation from 1999-2009. He holds a Ph.D in American History from Yale University, where he taught and was Chief of Staff to President Kingman Brewster. He also served as Vice President of Planning at the University of Chicago, and for 17 years was President of The New School for Social Research.

Generous donations totaling $500,000 have been provided to the Hunter College Foundation to endow the “Jonathan Fanton Executive Director” at the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute. In recognition of his service, Hunter College therefore requests that the Board approve the naming of the “Jonathan Fanton Executive Director” in his honor.