HUNTER COLLEGE

Amendments to the Governance Plan

RESOLVED, That the proposed amendments to the Hunter College Governance Plan be adopted, effective November 24, 2015.

EXPLANATION: The proposed amendments to the Hunter College Senate’s Governance Plan (“the Plan”) update it by reflecting the College’s current organizational structures, provide for an additional term for the Senate’s Chair and Vice Chair, and redefine the terms of office for representatives to avoid conflicts with student exam periods. The changes were approved by the College’s Senate on May 20, 2015 and are recommended by the College President.

More specifically, the proposed Plan includes the School of Urban Public Health as a department entitled to representation. The Plan recognizes that the Schools of Nursing, Health Professions, and Urban Public Health comprise a division. It further reflects that the SEEK Department was changed into a Program.

The proposed amendments also allow the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate to serve for four consecutive one-year terms; the current plan allows them to serve for only three such terms.

Finally, the proposed amendments define the term of office for representatives, which is two years, as extending from May of the first year to just prior to the first meeting of the new Senate the following year, in keeping with the calendar approved by the Senate. Linking the term to the Senate calendar rather to a specific date—as the current plan does—will avoid potential conflicts with student exam periods.