BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Naming of the Art and Rita Siegel Piano Lab

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Art and Rita Siegel Piano Lab,” located on the third floor of Miles and Shirley Fiterman Hall at Borough of Manhattan Community College.

EXPLANATION: In October 2015, Leslie Siegel, a long-time friend of BMCC, made a pledge to the Borough of Manhattan Community College Foundation of $50,000, payable over two years, in order to name the Piano Lab on the third floor of Fiterman Hall in memory of her parents, Art and Rita Siegel, who were both music lovers. The gift will support unrestricted MoneyWorks scholarships, which provide scholarships along with a financial literacy component to recipients. The first payment of $25,000 has been received and the second installment will be provided prior to December 2016. The Piano Lab contains more than 20 electric pianos with headphones that make it possible for students to learn in a group setting how to play the piano as well as music theory.

In recognition of Leslie Siegel’s generosity, the College seeks approval to name the “Art and Rita Siegel Piano Lab.”