QUEENS COLLEGE

Naming of the Dr. Barry Blechman ’63 Seminar Room

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Dr. Barry Blechman ’63 Seminar Room,” located in Powdermaker Hall at Queens College.

EXPLANATION: Dr. Barry Blechman earned a B.A. in Political Science from Queens College in 1963, and went on to earn a Ph.D. in International Relations from Georgetown University. He has more than fifty years of distinguished service in national security in both the public and private sectors. Dr. Blechman has worked in the Departments of State and Defense and at the Office of Management and Budget, and served under President Carter as Assistant Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. He is co-founder and former Board Chair of the Stimson Center, a non-partisan, non-profit think tank in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Blechman is a longtime generous supporter of the Model United Nations at Queens College, a student club and supporting course that simulate the United Nations and expose students to subjects including diplomacy and international relations. In addition to previous gifts totaling more than $100,000, in January 2016 Dr. Blechman made a pledge in the amount of $100,000 to the Queens College Foundation to establish “The Barry Blechman Fund to Promote Greater International Understanding.” Dr. Blechman’s gift will provide conference support to the Model U.N. program at Queens College, which supports development of students to become the next generation of political leaders.

In further recognition of the generosity of this and past gifts from Dr. Blechman, the College therefore requests the approval to name the “Dr. Barry Blechman ’63 Seminar Room” located in Powdermaker Hall, the main classroom building at Queens College.