QUEENS COLLEGE

Naming of The Dave Fields Lecture Room

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of “The Dave Fields Lecture Hall” in Room 170 of Kiely Hall at Queens College.

EXPLANATION:  Dave Fields received his undergraduate and master’s degrees at Queens College. He has served as Special Counsel to the Chancellor of the City University of New York and is a non-teaching member of the Law School faculty. His involvement with the Law School predates its creation, as he served as Staff Director of the President’s Advisory Commission for the establishment of The City University School of Law at Queens College.

The seeds of CUNY Law date to the early 1970s, when Mr. Fields was a student activist at Queens College. Mr. Fields helped get the proposal to establish the Law School into the report of the Commission on the future of Queens College, and eventually made a motion in the Academic Senate in 1972 to start a law school at Queens College. The Academic Senate adopted that motion unanimously, and Mr. Fields spent years helping to turn the idea into a real public law school that would train its students to reach people historically underserved by the law and to take a clinical approach. Mr. Fields currently serves as Parliamentarian of the Academic Senate and he has been a member since its inception.

Mr. Fields has also served as co-chair of the College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and helped develop the Queens College individualized B.A., which became the model adopted by the University when it created the CUNY B.A. He also served as deputy chair to its Academic Senate and helped form the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG).

Prior to his service as Special Counsel to four successive CUNY Chancellors, Mr. Fields was Special Assistant to three Queens College Presidents and Executive Director and General Counsel of the Queens College Student Union.

Dave Fields has made a bequest in his will in the amount of $1,000,000 to Queens College to be used expressly for student scholarships, including scholarships for undocumented students, and for faculty and staff. In recognition of his service and generosity, the College requests approval to name “The Dave Fields Lecture Hall” in Room 170 of Kiely Hall, which has been the longstanding meeting place of the College’s Academic Senate dating back to early 1970’s.