

BARUCH COLLEGE – Revised Schedule of Academic Excellence Fees

RESOLVED, that The City University of New York adopt a revised schedule of academic excellence fees by removing the maximum on the total amount of academic excellence fees charged for students in Baruch College business programs (part-time and full-time MBA; the part-time and full-time MS), the financial engineering MS program, public affairs MS degrees, corporate communications, industrial-organization psychology and mental health counseling programs.

EXPLANATION: The academic excellence fees adopted in Fall 2011 for Baruch College business programs (part-time and full-time MBA; the part-time and full-time MS), the financial engineering MS program, public affairs MS degrees, corporate communications, industrial-organization psychology and mental health counseling programs provided funds to develop student support services commensurate with the outstanding academic programs we offer, and augmented our graduate programs in the critical areas of job placement, career services, and student recruitment. The current fee structure ‘caps’ the maximum fee collected regardless of how many semesters a student requires to complete the degree. The support needed by and offered to the students does not diminish at the end of several semesters, but remains and is offered through the entire duration of their studies. We propose to eliminate the maximum on the total amount of academic excellence fees charged to a student, thereby removing a disincentive for timely completion of the graduate degree. Students will continue to receive a Baruch education that is not only of exceptional quality, but that is also very reasonable and financially affordable. The college will continue to administer financial aid to assist those students who cannot afford the increase in costs.