THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK – STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE POLICY:

WHEREAS, the collection of student activity fees to fund eligible student organizations, services, programs and activities serves a vital purpose in enhancing the college and university environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of eligible student organizations and the allocation and expenditure of student activity fees are governed by Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, the governing documents, policies and procedures of the college associations and student governments, and CUNY’s Fiscal Handbook for the Control and Accountability of Student Activity Fees; and

WHEREAS, these Bylaws, governing documents, policies and procedures and the Handbook have not been recently reviewed or updated to assure that they comport with prevailing laws and best practices; and

WHEREAS, the current system of student activity fee allocation also may not reflect the contemporary priorities and needs of current students because historical earmarks constrain annual allocation of fees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs Student Affairs and the General Counsel’s Office to perform a comprehensive review of CUNY’s student activity fee policy infrastructure; and be it further

RESOLVED, that recommendations for changes to this system in compliance with prevailing law and best practice shall be made expeditiously to the Board so that such changes can be implemented no later than the 2018-2019 academic year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board desires that the student and campus stakeholders be consulted and engaged in the process of review and re-design of the student activity fee policy infrastructure and allocation process via a Task Force composed of representatives to be co-chaired by the University Student Senate Chairperson.

EXPLANATION: This action is required for the purpose of addressing legal compliance and policy concerns. The governing bylaws, constitutions, policies and procedures and the fiscal handbook have not been updated in a number of years and therefore necessitate a comprehensive review and revision.