**Motion**

Whereas, the President has proposed a complete rewrite of the Governance Plan of the College of Staten Island that removes a number of important committees from the current governance plan (including the Executive Committee of the College Council, the Institutional Planning Committee, the Administrative Review Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the Budget Committee, the General Education Committee, the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee, ...);

Whereas, the proposal replaces the College's Faculty Senate as the policy making body with committees that directly report to administrators, or simply report to the newly proposed CSI College Senate, but without need for approval by the Senate;

Whereas, the proposal dramatically reduces the faculty voice in nearly every standing committee;

Whereas, the proposal undermines the faculty’s prerogatives in determining curriculum, tenure and promotion, and thereby erodes academic freedom;

Whereas, the proposal eliminates the elected chairs of the College Council and Faculty Senate making the President *de facto* chair;

Whereas, the proposal replaces elected chairs of subcommittees with administrative chairs for nearly every standing committee;

Whereas, the proposal eliminates existing requirements for regular meetings between elected faculty governance leaders and the senior administration;

Whereas, the President has proposed a complete overhaul of the Governance Plan without any consultation with the existing governance structures, including the elected faculty representatives on the Bylaws Committee, the Institutional Planning Committee, the Executive Committee of the College Council;

Whereas, this lack of consultation violates the principle stated in the current Governance Plan that the President should consult with elected governance leaders on matters of general academic interest;

Whereas, the current situation hinders a comprehensive and in-depth discussion of these vital matters for the future of the College;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Department of Mathematics rejects in the strongest possible terms the proposed plan, and is appalled by the manner in which it has been initiated.

(approved unanimously by the faculty of the Department of Mathematics at the meeting of March 4, 2021)