

**The Faculty Senate
The City College of New York**



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Vote: **32:0:6**

(Requires 32 affirmatives votes to pass)

**Resolution in Support of Shared Governance at
the City University of New York**

Whereas, [for decades, shared governance has been crucial to smooth operation of many Colleges and Universities in the United States](#);

Whereas, shared governance provides a role for faculty, *inter alia*, in [“personnel decisions, selection of administrators, preparation of the budget, and determination of educational policies.”](#);

Whereas, shared governance at CUNY is specifically provided for in [Article VIII and Article IX of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees \(CUNY-BoT\) of the City University of New York](#);

Whereas, [policy 2.08 of The Manual of General Policy of the CUNY-BoT](#) provides, *inter alia*, that “Each college should be free to create its own governance structure to enable it to create a climate in which rationality can be focused upon the issues that its members consider to be of the greatest academic importance.” Further, policy 2.08 provides for conditions to be met prior to proposal of a new governance structure or bylaws to the CUNY-BoT;

Whereas, the City College of New York (CCNY) Governance Plan explicitly provides for shared governance.

Whereas, the Bylaws of the CUNY-BoT and the CCNY Governance Plan provide procedures for amendment of college governance plans; these procedures have been employed by the College, most recently in 2016. [As well, an amendment proposed by the Faculty Senate of City College is currently pending.](#)

Whereas, the President of the College of Staten Island (CSI) has drafted a new governance plan that eliminates, *inter alia*, roles for faculty in development of the college curriculum;

Whereas, the newly created CSI governance plan fails three of the four conditions (a, b, and c) in policy 2.08 required for proposal to the CUNY-BoT;

Whereas, failure to adhere to CUNY-BoT bylaws and policies, especially with respect to creating and amending college governance plans, represents an existential threat to shared governance at CCNY and at CUNY;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of City College affirms the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the faculty as provided for in the bylaws and policies of the CUNY-BoT and the CCNY governance plan;

Be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate of City College urges the CUNY-BoT to halt the ongoing non-compliant process to draft a new governance plan at CSI;

Be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate of City College urges the CUNY-BoT to decline to approve all new drafts, revisions, or amendments to CUNY college governance plans that do not follow its bylaws and policies.