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From: Philip Pecorino, Chairperson, Queensborough Community College Academic Senate, a QCC representative to CUNY Council of Faculty Governance Leaders

To: Queensborough Community College Academic Senate  
Subject: A Resolution of the CUNY Council of Faculty Governance Leaders

The Council of Faculty Governance Leaders voted on November 18, 2005 to request that college senates take a vote on affirming the following resolution unanimously adopted on that date by the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders: **"Be It Resolved, that no University-wide degree program should go forward unless approved by the University Faculty Senate."**

Therefore I submit the following resolution:

Whereas, on November 24, 1997 the CUNY BOT "RESOLVED, That the Board, in the exercise of its authority to govern and administer the University pursuant to N.Y. Education Law § 6204[1], in connection with the Board's making educational policy, recognizes and reaffirms that the faculty, in accordance with CUNY Bylaws § 8.6. shall be responsible, subject to guidelines, if any, as established by the Board, for the formulation of policy relating to the admission and retention of students including health and scholarship standards therefore, student attendance including leaves of absence, curriculum, awarding of college credit, and granting of degrees: that this responsibility is to be exercised through the college faculty senates pursuant to Board Bylaws or college governance plans approved by the Board, or the University Faculty Senate in accordance with CUNY Bylaws § 8.13, which states: "There shall be a university faculty senate, responsible, subject to the board, for the formulation of policy relating to the academic status, role, rights, and freedoms of the faculty, university level educational and instructional matters, and research and scholarly activities of university-wide import. The powers and duties of the university faculty senate shall not extend to areas or interests which fall exclusively within the domain of the faculty councils of the constituent units of the university"; and that such policies will then be considered by the Board or its appropriate committees in making policy decisions relating to educational matters."

Be it Resolved that, the Queensborough Community College Academic Senate affirms the following resolution unanimously adopted on November 18, 2005 by the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders: **" that no University-wide degree program should go forward unless approved by the University Faculty Senate"**