To the City University of New York’s University Faculty Senate (UFS);

William Fritz, the President of the College of Staten Island (CSI) and

The City University of New York Board of Trustees.

The Executive Committee of the New York State American Association of University Professors (AAUP) unanimously condemns the unilateral actions of President William Fritz of the College of Staten Island, who has, without consultation with the faculty of the College of Staten Island:

Changed the Governance Plan;

Changed the Governance Plan to give himself control over the curriculum of the College

Begun revising the faculty handbook.

These actions are egregious violations of the principles and practices of academic freedom and shared governance, forged over 100 years and ratified by the American Association of University Professors, the American Council on Education and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. The Governance Plan and the Faculty Handbook are the purview of the faculty and should changes need to be made, must be done by the faculty. As such, the Executive Committee of the New York State AAUP demand that President Fritz cease all changes to the documents and consult with the CSI faculty regarding any changes to those documents.

Signed,