**1. Resolution on the College’s Future as a Research Institution**

WHEREAS, research represents an essential, core part of the College’s academic mission; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing austerity regime thus places our mission in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, this state of affairs stands to be exacerbated by the current health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate’s February 2019 resolution has proven insufficient to encourage administration to consult with the Research Committee on budgetary matters related to research support at the College,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Academic Affairs, in direct consultation with the Faculty Senate Research Committee, is hereby asked to produce a five-year plan for supporting faculty research at the College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this document will describe specific plans for restoring funding for (a) conference travel, (b) internal fellowships, (c) library resources, and (d) other resources essential for campus research; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this document will also describe new policies to address material and administrative support for faculty research during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and future events that impose necessary restrictions on campus facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Academic Affairs will submit this document in writing to the Faculty Senate by the body’s first meeting of Fall 2020.

**2. Resolution on the Allocation of Overhead Funds from Research Grants Awarded to Faculty**

WHEREAS, research represents an essential, core part of the College’s academic mission; and

WHEREAS, maintenance and replacement of shared equipment and supplies has been compromised by declining institutional support, and

WHEREAS, indirect funds from faculty research grants should not be used to cover general shortfalls in the College’s budget, or to compensate for austerity policies imposed upon CUNY; and

WHEREAS, administration has, in this regard, not honored the Faculty Senate’s February 2019 resolution on “Proper consultation with faculty governance”,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Academic Affairs is hereby asked to submit a written report (not verbal commentary or Power Point slides) to the Faculty Senate detailing how indirect funds returned to the college are currently being distributed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report should contain specific items, dollar amounts, percentages of the total, and be detailed enough to withstand the scrutiny of federal funding agencies, which award grants based on expectations about the use of indirect funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this detailed report will be submitted to the Faculty Senate by the body’s first meeting of Fall 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration should reinstate previous rates of return of research grant overhead funds to the academic departments housing the faculty awarded the grants.

**3. Resolution on Research Committee Representation in Budget Discussions**

WHEREAS, there is at present no member of the faculty involved in discussions of the budget whose dedicated purpose is to advise on, and advocate for, the College's research needs; and

WHEREAS, this state of affairs was identified by the Faculty Senate in February 2019 as contributing unnecessarily to miscommunication between the faculty and the administration; and

WHEREAS, this state of affairs has contributed to an increasingly adverse research climate at the College;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Research Committee of Faculty Senate regularly send a representative to all committees whose purview includes the College's research needs, including but not limited to the Personnel and Budget Committee, the College Council Budget Committee, and other special committees that may be formed to address the College’s budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the representative’s role is understood to always be a non-voting, advisory role.