March 29, 2012

Dr. Alexandra W. Logue
Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost
The City University of New York
535 East 80th Street
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Dear Executive Vice Chancellor Logue:

The College of Staten Island has been engaged in vigorous and regular discussions of the Pathways Common Core Framework and associated tasks. These discussions have occurred in General Education Committee meetings, Faculty Senate meetings, the Provost’s Council, President’s Cabinet, Enrollment Management meetings, Town Hall meetings, and Department Chair meetings. The provost has provided regular reports at Faculty Senate and developed a website, referenced below, to inform the college community of discussions in the General Education Committee. In addition, various administrators have discussed the project with members of the Student Government.

The General Education Committee has been meeting weekly since February 27th and prior to that met monthly. As a result, the committee reached an agreement about the materials to submit to meet the requirements set forth in your memo of December 13, 2011, for each institution’s April 1, 2012, submission. The document “CSI April 1, 2012, Submission” was passed by General Education Committee on March 18, 2012, and presented to the Faculty Senate on March 22, 2012. The Faculty Senate did not officially vote on or endorse this document nor did it discuss with any depth the content of it, but instead passed the following motion:

“The College of Staten Island's General Education Committee, with faculty representatives elected by each of the sixteen undergraduate teaching departments, has been discussing the implementation of Pathways since February 6, 2012, its first curriculum meeting of the spring 2012 semester. The College of Staten Island Faculty Senate requests an extension of the April 1, 2012 deadline for CSI's Pathways Implementation Plan as we carefully continue deliberating the significant change to our general education curriculum.”

Nevertheless, I submit the “CSI April 1, 2012, Submission” document passed by the General Education Committee in fulfillment of CUNY requirements for the April 1, 2012, deadline. Although CSI has not reached a consensus on any one model for the College Option or on courses for the Common Core, we have in fact made considerably progress in exploring models for mapping our current general education curriculum onto the Pathways framework. We have developed six models that we continue to discuss. These models can be found on the CSI Pathways web site:

http://www.csi.cuny.edu/pathways

As our April 1 Submission document indicates, we plan to meet the December 2012 deadline for course submittals. Moreover, we plan to determine our model for the College Option soon, but to do so through our governance process. We have consulted with Associate Provost Julia Wrigley and our April 1 Submission reflects responses to her suggestions and concerns. Along with this document, we also submit our request for funding for various projects related to Pathways.
Respectfully,

William J. Fritz
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs