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Borough of Manhattan Community College
Academic Senate

Resolution Calling for a Review of and Moratorium on Pathways

WHEREAS, the CUNY faculty is committed to providing our students with an excellent education, and
WHEREAS, the Borough of Manhattan Community College Academic Senate (“Academic Senate”) has
previously expressed its objections to both the process and substance of the Pathways curriculum in an earlier
resolution, and

WHEREAS, as the implementation of Pathways has progressed to each subsequent stage, the flaws of the
Pathways curriculum have emerged more and more clearly to the faculty who will be teaching these courses and
approving degree candidates, faculty who have spent their professional lives and careers devoted to the
education of our students, and

WHEREAS, faculty members have created courses under protest and in the context of coercion and because of
the necessity of providing new courses for their students, and

WHEREAS, certain curricular problems have been identified at campus after campus, specifically the need for
modification of the numbers of contact hours for courses in certain disciplines and the number of credits overall,
and

WHEREAS, faculty at several campuses have declined to act to approve courses proposed by their own
colleagues because of these curricular problems, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees Resolution of June 2011 which established Pathways calls for “all of these
pathways policies and processes, including the Common Core, be reviewed and evaluated each year for three
years beginning in 2013, and every three years thereafter, to modify them as necessary to improve them or to
meet changing needs,”

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WHEREAS, the legality of the Pathways implementation process remains in question, pending two lawsuits filed by PSC-CUNY and the University Faculty Senate that allege Board violation of faculty governance procedures and of the New York State Open Meetings Law respectively, and

WHEREAS, a joint project of the University Faculty Senate and Professional Staff Congress to assess the Pathways program on its merits and to develop alternative proposals is in progress;

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Academic Senate calls upon the Chancellery to begin the required review in January 2013 and conduct this review in consultation campus faculty governance bodies, and

Be it further Resolved, that the Academic Senate calls for a moratorium by the Chancellery on all further implementation of Pathways until this initial and collaborative review is concluded, and

Be it further Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Borough of Manhattan Community College participate in the moratorium by not acting on any Pathways courses or Pathways curriculum changes until such time as an ad hoc committee of the Academic Senate can be convened, charged with a review of the transfer issues facing BMCC students, meet with their peers at other CUNY community colleges and then report back to the Senate no later than the April 24th meeting.