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**RESOLUTION ON PROPOSED PRE-COLLEGE BASIC SKILLS PILOT PROGRAMS**

**Whereas** research and experience have amply demonstrated the success of remedial courses offered in college programs and taught by college faculty, and

**Whereas** research has shown that students in need of basic skills instruction required for successful college study strengthen these skills most effectively in the context of college study, taking college level courses, taught by college faculty, in a college environment, and

**Whereas** the transfer of remedial courses and programs away from the academic divisions could limit the ability of those divisions to provide integrated academic content in CUNY's community colleges and senior colleges with associate degree programs, and

**Whereas** the removal of such courses and programs from the academic divisions deprives students of instruction by the highly qualified, expert professional faculty of the academic divisions, and

**Whereas** instituting Pre-College Basic Skills Programs threatens to further erode the policy of Open Admissions and its historic tenet of democratic access to public higher education,

**Be it resolved**, that the Professional Staff Congress urges the continued support of remedial courses and programs within the academic divisions of the colleges and opposes establishment of the proposed pilot programs to be offered through divisions of continuing education.

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