

1 **Resolution to Not Renew the CIA ‘Signature School’ Program at Baruch College**

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4 W1. Whereas, the administration of Baruch College has signed a “Memorandum of
5 Understanding Between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Baruch College”¹
6 establishing a Signature Schools Program that allows the CIA to:

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8 • “Develop a sustainable relationship with key university staff and personnel on
9 campus to *brand CIA as an employer of choice.*”
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11 • “Conduct on-campus interviews; information sessions; workshops; simulations;
12 and networking activities with student organizations; student honor societies, and
13 campus chapters of diversity professional organizations such as, but not limited
14 to, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, American Indian Science and
15 Engineering Society and/or the Association of Latino Professionals for America.”
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17 • “Implement a campus advertising campaign to communicate our diversity and
18 inclusion brand.”
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20 • “Conduct frequent, constructive communications with the Baruch College
21 regarding Return on Investment (ROI) for CIA of increased applicants and hires
22 and ROI for Baruch College of increased career placement for graduates.”
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26 W2. Whereas, the Baruch administration signed the MOU “without consultation or notice
27 to the faculty, and failed to reveal the MOU until a CIA press release was discovered by
28 Baruch faculty,”² and

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30 W3 Whereas, “the terms of the MOU have explicit implications for matters of
31 educational policy and academic freedom,”³ and

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33 W4 Whereas, the Baruch College Administration has ignored the reasonable request that
34 it provide the Faculty Senate with an interim report on activities that have been conducted
35 under the Baruch-CIA agreement as well as a request to have the Faculty Senate be
36 involved in an assessment and review of the CIA Signature Program at Baruch, and

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38 W5 Whereas, the administration has also ignored a May 2018 vote of 20-2-1 by Baruch
39 Faculty Senate to sever the College’s relationship with the CIA through non-signature of
40 the 2018-2019 MOU renewal, and

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¹ “Memorandum of Understanding Between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Baruch
College,” <http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/documents/Baruch-CIAMOU.pdf>

² Baruch Faculty Senate resolution passed by secret ballot.

³ Ibid

42 W6 Whereas, the Agency has a well-documented record of violently overthrowing
43 democratically elected leaders pursuing social reform including a coup d'état overthrow
44 of Iran's elected Prime Minister Mohammad Mossaddegh, who had nationalized the
45 British-owned Anglo-Persian oil company and used its revenues to fund new social
46 programs (social security, unemployment insurance, etc.); the ouster of Jacobo Arbenz
47 (elected in 1951) in Guatemala, whose program of land reform and labor rights upset the
48 U.S. United Fruit Company; and the launching of a military coup-d'état in Chile in 1973
49 to overthrow Salvador Allende who nationalized the Chilean copper industry, which was
50 opposed by the Kennecott Copper Co. and other U.S. multinationals, and

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52 W7 Whereas, the CIA overthrow of elected governments resulted in repressive,
53 dictatorial regimes that committed widespread human rights violations while
54 implementing pro-business and anti-labor policies in areas such as Iran (Mossaddegh was
55 replaced by the Shah, whose U.S.-trained secret police was notorious for brutal
56 interrogations and murders of dissidents) and Chile (Allende was replaced by General
57 Augusto Pinochet, whose dictatorship lasted until 1990 and whose military murdered
58 thousands of opponents and banned unions and opposition parties), and

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60 W8 Whereas, the CIA has a record of violence at odds with the values of CUNY faculty,
61 staff and students including the implementation of Operation Phoenix in Vietnam, a
62 program responsible for the torturing or murder of tens of thousands of suspected rebels;
63 the use of "extraordinary rendition" (extrajudicial kidnapping) and extreme torture
64 (including waterboarding and prolonged sleep deprivation); and drone strikes against
65 civilians in Yemen, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Libya, and Somalia, and

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67 W9 Whereas, the CIA's attempts to infiltrate and exert influence over researchers in
68 globally oriented fields within the social sciences (most notably Anthropology, but also
69 Political Science, Geography, Sociology and others) are well-documented⁴, and

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71 W10 Whereas, the CIA's undercover activities in other countries have created a situation
72 in which American researchers (faculty or graduate students) face intense scrutiny and
73 suspicion if they're perceived to be associated with the CIA, and therefore the CIA
74 Signature Program at Baruch has the potential to put lives at risk, and

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76 W 11 Whereas, employment by the CIA could potential cause emotional or bodily harm
77 to the CUNY students who choose to work for this organization,⁵ be it

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79 R1 Resolved, that the PSC calls on the administration of Baruch College to provide the
80 Faculty Senate with details about the myriad opportunities that the Signature School
81 Program is offering the CIA, and be it further

⁴ David H. Price, *Cold War Anthropology: The CIA, the Pentagon, and the Growth of Dual Use Anthropology* (Duke University Press, 2016); Daniel Golden, *Spy Schools: How the CIA, FBI, and Foreign Intelligence Secretly Exploit America's Universities* (Henry Holt & Co, 2017)

⁵ Adam Goldman and Matthew Rosenberg, "A Funeral of 2 Friends: C.I.A. Deaths Rise in Secret Afghan War," *New York Times*, September 6, 2017

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83 R2 Resolved, that during the period in which the CIA Signature School has a public
84 presence and recruitment facilities at Baruch College, the PSC calls on the College
85 administration to invite organizations that offer an alternative position on the CIA and the
86 risks of CIA employment to have a similarly public presence, and be it further

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88 R3 Resolved, the PSC calls on Baruch College to not renew the CIA Signature School
89 Program when the one-year agreement expires at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

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