

1. Resolution on Research Committee Representation in Budget Discussions

WHEREAS, there is at present no member of the faculty at meetings of the Budget Committee whose dedicated purpose is to advise on, and advocate for, the College's research needs; and

WHEREAS, this state of affairs has been identified by the Faculty Senate 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 Chair of the Research Committee of Faculty Senate send a representative to each meeting of the Budget Committee in a non-voting advisory role; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Research Committee be included on all Budget Committee email communications from the date of this resolution.

2. Resolution on the Allocation of Overhead Funds

WHEREAS, indirect funds should not be used to cover any of the multiple budget shortfalls derived from the ongoing austerity regime imposed upon CUNY; and

WHEREAS, this austerity regime stands to be exacerbated by the current crisis; and

WHEREAS, this resolution would mitigate the lack of consultation when the redirection of indirect funds was implemented, and would adhere to the resolution for "*Proper consultation with faculty governance*" passed by the Faculty Senate at the February 2019 meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the College administration should explain, in a report submitted to Faculty Senate, exactly how indirect funds returned to the college are currently distributed, including specific items, dollar amounts and percentages of the total. Such explanation should be sufficient to withstand the scrutiny of federal funding agencies, which award grants subject to certain expectations regarding the use of indirect funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration should explain its plan to maintain the College's currently deteriorating research infrastructure.

3. Resolution on Supporting Campus Research During Emergency Closures

WHEREAS, restricted access to the physical campus negatively impacts research and other creative and scholarly activities requiring laboratories, performances spaces and other campus facilities; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the College administration, in consultation with the Research Committee of Faculty Senate, will craft policy to address material and administrative support for faculty research during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and future events that impose similarly broad restrictions to campus facilities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a draft of the policy will be presented for discussion by administration at the May 2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate.