WHEREAS Article III.1 of the Charter for a Governance of Hunter College ("the Charter") stipulates that the body “shall have 100 Senators and Alternates sufficient in number to provide one faculty alternate for each department,” composed of: 44% Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and Instructors on full-time appointments; 13% full-time and part-time Lecturers, Adjunct faculty, and all other part-time members of the teaching faculty who are not also serving in full-time appointments, and non-faculty department members in the title series College Laboratory Technician and Higher Education Officer; 14% full-time undergraduate students, other than students in the SEEK Department; 11% part-time undergraduate students; 2% undergraduate students in the SEEK Department; 11% graduate students; and 5% administration; and

WHEREAS Articles IV.2.H.i and IV.2.H.ii of the Charter stipulate that reserved Senate seats that remain vacant after scheduled elections “shall be filled for the remainder of the regular term” by an election “conducted by a process approved by the Senate”; and

WHEREAS three or more unexcused absences by a Senator is considered an unofficial resignation of that Senate seat; and

WHEREAS there are currently programs with no dedicated representation because the charter did not anticipate those needs; and

WHEREAS low attendance at Senate meetings significantly impedes the ability of the body to reach a quorum and accomplish its work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Senate seats that are vacant or unofficially resigned be temporarily reallocated – after due notice has been sent to the affected departments, offices, and individual representatives – for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year, until the Charter Review Committee can take up, as part of the extensive review scheduled for late Spring 2013, the matters of the composition of the Senate and a permanent rule on reallocation of seats as necessary.