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**Resolution to repudiate the 10/11/13 draft proposal of “The City University of New York Policy on Expressive Conduct”**

WHEREAS, the above policy proposes to impose severe limitations on the freedom of speech and right to assembly of students, faculty and staff at a public university, and

Whereas, the proposed policy could make any or all demonstrations invisible by excluding them from CUNY buildings and restricting them to “designated areas,” and

Whereas, the proposed policy would excessively restrict leafleting and tabling, and

Whereas, the proposed policy grants authority to administrative officers of the college to determine the time, place, and manner of demonstrations or other unspecified “expressive activities,” and

Whereas, the proposed policy thereby prevents students, faculty, staff and administrators from determining how their first amendment rights and academic freedom may be exercised, and

Whereas, the Henderson Rules of 1969, based on Article 129-A of the New York Education Law, already fully cover conduct and civility on CUNY campuses, and

Whereas, the proposed policy contradicts the mission of a university as an academic institution dedicated to fostering the peaceful exchange, presentation and discussion of ideas among all its members within and outside the classroom;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hunter College Senate urge CUNY Central to disavow the 10/11/13 draft proposal of “The City University of New York Policy on Expressive Conduct”.