

## **HUNTER COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES**

Resolution on Academic Freedom and the Right to Determine our Students' Curricula.

### **Film and Media Studies Department, Hunter College**

Whereas the problem of transfer facilitation can be addressed without the imposition of a standardized new curriculum on the colleges of the City University and

Whereas the Pathways initiative has shown a disregard for the legally defined and traditional rights of faculty governance over curriculum and

Whereas the imposition of a curriculum by a board of trustees, contrary to the national best practices of curricular reform, will make CUNY an outlier in the educational community, and so will erode the national reputation of the university and

Whereas Pathways would substantially cut the general education curriculum and devalue our students' education and the reputation of Hunter College and the City University of New York and

Whereas Pathways undermines the College's stated goal of developing "a richer array of rigorous undergraduate... programs that meet students' educational and professional aspirations" and

Whereas Pathways threatens to make the College less able to recruit and retain outstanding scholars with its undermining of shared governance and

Whereas the contempt shown to the faculty in the discussion of Pathways undermines the college's stated goal of becoming "a more vibrant center of intellectual and cultural exchange through community partnerships"

Therefore the Department of Film and Media Studies concludes the Pathways Project cannot be redeemed by minor changes in its individual components and rejects Pathways on pedagogical, social, and legal grounds.