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## **Resolution to Maintain Standards at the Senior Colleges**

WHEREAS, students graduate with 120 credits, and

WHEREAS, college curricula are designed to ensure that students experience academic rigor through a structured balance of breadth and depth, and

WHEREAS, a 30+6+6 approach to General Education will enable students majoring in most of the disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences to have more than 50 elective credits, and

WHEREAS, Hunter College implemented a new General Education requirement in 2001 motivated, in part, to ensure that students graduate with *more than 50%* of their credits at the advanced level, and

WHEREAS, a new CUNY-wide reduced General Education requirement for BA programs would severely undermine academic standards and rigor at the senior colleges by allowing students to graduate with 60 or more credits at the 100 level, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hunter College Senate strongly urges the University and the Board of Trustees to allow the BA programs flexibility to add an additional 16 credits (beyond a 30 credit Framework) to their General Education requirements. Such an addition will *not* impede the efficiency of transfer because students can fulfill their major (24-30 credits) and the 16 credit BA addition well within 60 credits.