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TO: Phillip Anzalone , Chair of College Council Curriculum Committee

FROM: Curriculum Subcommittee

 Henry Africk (Chair), Alexander Aptekar and Jierong Cheng

RE: Final Report for Proposal 17–08: New Degree Program – AS Health Science

PROPOSAL OVERVIEW:

A new AS degree program for existing Undeclared Health majors as well as students who wish entry to the different competitive clinical programs at NYC College of Technology. This degree serves also as a gateway to a number of +2 baccalaureate programs in allied health.

RATIONALE:

The existing college curriculum does not support most of the large number of students (approximately 10% of the student population) who desire entry into the clinical competitive health care programs. Many students who are capable cannot get into these programs due to enrollment ceilings. This degree program provides a home for these students, and the acquisition of this degree allows for progression to a variety of different allied health baccalaureate degree programs within and outside of City Tech.

STRENGTHS:

The clinical competitive health care programs currently accept only about 275 students per year. This leaves about 625 per year that will need to consider alternative careers. Many of these students are not successful with this transition and either fail to make timely progress or drop out of the college entirely. Furthermore, they are not provided with enough information to determine what alternate careers would be a good fit to their talents and inclinations, and so are unable to continue their education in the way that maximizes their chances of success. This proposal addresses these important issues in a sensible way. It has the enthusiastic support of the health care departments in the school of professional studies as well as numerous other faculty and staff. The administration has indicated that it will provide the support needed to implement this program

CONCERNS:

This is a very ambitious program designed for a very large number of students that will need significant resources and will need to be implemented in a very short amount of time. In particular, it will require the hiring of at least 3 new full time faculty and 51 adjunct faculty in time for the first semester in which it is offered. While the existing clinical programs have offered their support, it will still be a major challenge to provide the guidance and support that this group of students will require. There are details that remain to be worked out in the proposed curricula of the proposed new courses, given their experimental nature and ambitious objectives. The proposed articulation agreements and specialized certifications that will be available to the students who are not admitted into the clinical programs also remain to be worked out.

SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

The subcommittee discussed the proposal with the proposer, the college council curriculum chair and the chair of college council. An open hearing was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018.