MEMORANDUM

TO: The College Community

FROM: The Office of Academic Affairs

DATE: March 31, 2011

RE: New COMPASS Policies at Bronx Community College (BCC)

As indicated in a February 25, 2011 memorandum and distributed by BCC Broadcast to the College Community on March 2, 2011, the City University of New York Office of Academic Affairs is significantly revising its policies regarding the use of the COMPASS exam and exit from mathematics remediation. The following is a summary of how these changes will impact practices at BCC.

Effective March 2011, the COMPASS exam will not be administered as a component of remedial courses at BCC.

Effective January 2012, the COMPASS exam will ONLY BE ADMINISTERED AS AN ENTRANCE PLACEMENT EXAM.

Students will no longer be retested using the COMPASS exam for any purpose after the entrance exam. For programs, like the Nursing Program, which uses the COMPASS exam for entry into a course or program, students may be allowed to retest under existing policies through the Fall 2011 semester at latest, or until a new procedure is established.

Students whose COMPASS M1 score is 35 or higher OR whose M2 score is 30 or above will be exempt from MTH 01. Students whose COMPASS M2 score is 40 or higher will be exempt from MTH 05. Any student whose placement scores are below 35/40 will be required to pass the appropriate course(s) in the remedial MTH 01/MTH 05 sequence before registering for a credit-bearing course.

The prerequisites for MTH 12, MTH 21, and MTH 23 will be COMPASS Score of 35/40 or MTH 05. Students who wish to register for courses which have a math prerequisite of MTH
03 or MTH 05 may fulfill the requirement with an incoming placement score of 35/40 instead of the previous 30/30 score.

Currently-enrolled students will be “grandfathered” based on the prior 30/30 scores for “CUNY Math Proficiency” for the purposes of transfer and placement into MTH 12.

Students who wish to be reevaluated for placement may do so under the existing departmental practice based on the departmental course final exams.

Students who require pre-calculus (MTH 30) or college algebra (MTH 13) for their curriculum may still be required to register for the remedial MTH 06, depending on their placement scores and departmental placement. A student may place out of MTH 06 based on COMPASS scores of 35 of higher on M1, 45 or higher on M2, and 30 or higher on part M5.

Students who wish to transfer to a CUNY four-year college and who did not achieve the minimum 35/40 score upon entrance will be deemed CUNY Math Proficient upon achieving a C or higher in a mathematics course bearing 3 or more college credits, or by meeting the senior college’s COMPASS proficiency standards.