



JOHN JAY COLLEGE
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PRESIDENT
JEREMY TRAVIS

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Dear colleagues:

A year ago, I created the President's Advisory Committee on Critical Choices with the mandate to assist the College community in examining two issues that will define the future of John Jay – first, whether the College should continue to offer Associate Degree programs and, if so, whether those programs should be modified; and second, whether the College should offer liberal arts majors. The Committee was charged with the responsibility of producing background reports on these two issues to provide the foundation for a community-wide discussion to be held in the Spring Semester, 2006.

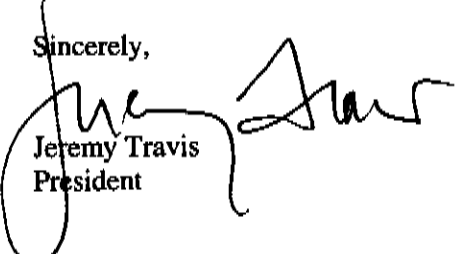
The Committee has now completed its report, which is enclosed. This report presents a clear and objective assessment of these two issues which confront the College. In keeping with their mandate, the Committee has produced a report that does not argue for a particular resolution of these "critical choices," rather presents relevant data and sets forth some of the available options for our policies in the future.

I urge you to read this report carefully. Starting later this month, the College community will be discussing these issues in a number of forums. The first event will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 3:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room in North Hall, at which time the President's Advisory Committee on Critical Choices will formally present its report and take questions and comments. Then there will be a debate on options regarding Associate Degree programs, held on Tuesday, February 28 at 3:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The next event will be a Student Organized Discussion on Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. This will be followed by another debate of options, this time on the College's liberal arts offerings, on Thursday, March 16 at 3:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

There will then be a Town Hall devoted to these issues, held on Monday, March 27 at 3:30 pm in Room 1311, North Hall. The final event in the community conversation will be a leadership summit, which will bring together representatives of the various college entities – the President's Cabinet, the Faculty Senate, the HEO Council, the Student Government and the Professional Staff Congress – for an open discussion of these critical choices. This will be held on Wednesday, April 5.

I look forward to these discussions. As we enter into this next phase, it is very important that we have an informed, respectful deliberation of these important questions as we consider the future directions for John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Travis
President