Resolution of Solidarity with the 43 Disappeared Students of the Ayotzinapa Teachers 1 **College in Mexico and Their Families** 2 3 Whereas, there has been international media coverage of the disappearance and probable murder of 43 students from the Raul Isidro Burgos Rural Teachers College in Ayotzinapa—a 4 progressive college whose graduates teach in poor rural areas of the State of Guerrero—with the 5 direct complicity of the Mayor and police of the town of Iguala (e.g., the Los Angeles Times, 6 7 "Mexico Reels, and the U.S. Looks Away," 11/16/2014); and 8 Whereas, there has been widespread condemnation and tumultuous street protests throughout 9 Mexico against this outrageous act of state repression against young teacher trainees intent on transforming civil society through their work in poor communities; and 10 Whereas, PSC members in CUNY Departments of Education are engaged in a similar 11 transformational education project with our teacher-trainee students from every area of the city 12 who will go on to teach in their communities; and 13 14 Whereas, participants at the first regional gathering of the "Workers Economy" group of academics and unionists (founded in 2007 in Buenos Aires), held in Mexico City on November 15 7-8, 2014 and including two members of the PSC International Committee, unanimously adopted 16 the following eloquent statement of solidarity: 17 We, workers, activists and academics from Mexico, the U.S.A, Canada and other 18 countries, wish to express our pain, dignified rage and condemnation of the forced 19 disappearance of 43 student teachers of the Ayotzinapa teacher training college, which 20 21 was perpetrated in Iguala, in the state of Guerrero, on September 26th last, by the Municipal Police of Iguala and Coculca and by an as yet unidentified "group of 22 civilians," which could be members of the Guerreros Unidos drug cartel and/or of the 23 24 Mexican military... We express our solidarity with the struggle of the families of the disappeared students 25 and of the persons murdered by the security forces of the Mexican State and our support 26 27 for their demands for the return alive of the 43 disappeared students, for the revelation of the full truth on what happened and for the punishment of those responsible for these 28 heinous crimes of State at every level of the Mexican government, including if necessary, 29 of the chief of the Mexican security forces, President Enrique Peña Nieto... 30 Finally, we wish to express our support for the struggle of the Ayotzinapa social 31 32 movement made up above all of millions of students and youth in Mexico and around the world who share the same demands, and our solidarity with those who have been 33 34 unjustly repressed and arrested and who must be immediately released. "Alive they were taken, alive we want them back!" 35

- 36 Therefore be it Resolved, that PSC-CUNY endorses the above solidarity statement of the
- Workers' Economy conference in Mexico City, and will send copies of this resolution to the
- 38 relevant authorities in Mexico and the United States, as well as to the faculty and students of the
- 39 Ayotzinapa Teachers College.
- 40 Submitted by the PSC International Committee, November 17, 2014