



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 41

May 6, 1998

MAYOR'S ADVISORY  
TASK FORCE ON THE  
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the City University of New York ("CUNY") was established to provide publicly subsidized higher education with a commitment to academic excellence for the residents of the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, recent graduation rates and other measurements of educational quality and performance indicate that CUNY's current policies and practices have not maintained the high level of educational quality that CUNY should be providing to its students; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the City's financial resources support a meaningful and productive level of college instruction that meets the needs of the students of the City, a detailed examination of CUNY's policies and practices is required;

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it hereby is ordered:

Section 1. Establishment of the Task Force. There hereby is established the Mayor's Advisory Task Force on the City University of New York (the "Task Force"). The Task Force shall include members appointed by the Mayor, who shall be residents of the City of New York or shall maintain a place of business in the City of New York. The Mayor, at his discretion, may appoint a Chair of the Task Force. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

2. Purposes of the Task Force. The Task Force shall review, examine, audit and make recommendations regarding: (1) the uses of City funding by CUNY, (2) the effects of open admissions and remedial education on CUNY, and on CUNY's capacity to provide college level courses and curricula of high quality to its students, (3) the best

means of arranging for third-parties to provide remediation services to ensure that prospective CUNY students can perform college level work prior to their admission to CUNY, and (4) the implementation of other reform measures as may be appropriate. No later than 180 days after the effective date of this Order, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor.

3. Powers of the Task Force. (a) In carrying out its mandate, the Task Force may consult with third parties as it deems appropriate and may hold public hearings, and shall obtain all information and data necessary to fulfill the purposes identified by section 2 of this Order, including information from CUNY and the colleges in the CUNY system.

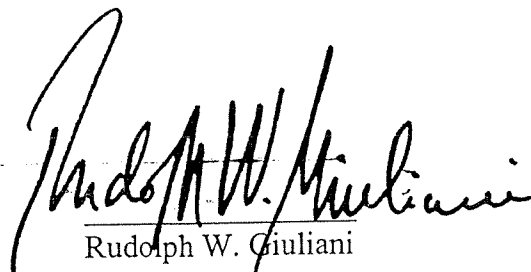
(b) Any investigations or hearings described in this section may include the issuance of subpoenas by the Department of Investigation in accordance with DOI's powers under Chapter 34 of the City Charter, to the extent the Commissioner of DOI and the Task Force jointly determine is appropriate.

(c) The Task Force shall be authorized to retain an Executive Director and such other staff, including outside consultants as may be necessary, from appropriations made available therefor.

(d) The Task Force is empowered to act by a majority of its members.

4. Agency Assistance and Cooperation. All City agencies, including the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Investigation and the Law Department, shall cooperate in providing to the Task Force such personnel, facilities, information and other assistance as is necessary and required by the Task Force to carry out its responsibilities.

5. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
Rudolph W. Giuliani  
Mayor