

Petition to Board of Higher Education

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WHEREAS Mr. Morris U. Schappes has not been recommended for reappointment to the English Department of City College, and

WHEREAS Mr. Schappes has been an efficient and respected teacher in the English department for eight years, and has each year received an increment by specific recommendation of the Chairman although increments were not compulsory, and

WHEREAS Mr. Schappes' competence and scholarship have been recognized by many eminent educators and scholars and by the publication of his work in outstanding literary and scholarly journals, and

WHEREAS Mr. Schappes has participated in the organization and activities of teacher associations and an anti-fascist association, and has twice addressed the City College students as a proponent for peace and a fighter against war; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Mr. Schappes is now being refused re-appointment because of his activities in behalf of teachers' interests and civil rights, and

WHEREAS, the dismissal of Mr. Schappes would be properly interpreted as a direct blow at the academic freedom of all teachers and college teachers in particular, and would mark the beginning of a repressive policy in a municipal college supported jointly by the tax payers of New York City and of New York State;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned teacher alumni of the City Colleges, urge the Board of Higher Education to recommend Morris U. Schappes' reappointment to City College in the interests of good teaching and academic freedom.

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