The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Rita DiMartino chaired this meeting in place of Committee Chair Wellington Z. Chen who was unable to attend the meeting.

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Rita DiMartino, chairing
- Hon. Charles Shorter
- Prof. Karen Kaplowitz, faculty member
- President Russell K. Hotzler, COP liaison

**University Staff:**
- Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley

**Ex-officio:**
- Hon. Philip Alfonso Berry

**Trustee Staff:**
- Ms. Towanda Lewis
- Mr. Anthony Vargas

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The agenda items were considered and acted upon in the following order:

I. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2014.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **College of Staten Island – MS in Ed and Advanced Certificate in TESOL.** Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley stated that the Master's degree and the Advanced Certificate will qualify different populations to become eligible for licensure in this burgeoning field. The non- and limited English-speaking population on Staten Island has increased dramatically over the past ten years, and currently there is a shortage of public school teachers who are certified to teach TESOL.

   Following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board.

2. **John Jay College – BA in Sociology.** Dr. Julia Wrigley stated that this BA program in Sociology is part of John Jay College's continuous efforts to advance its strategic agenda of becoming a traditional liberal arts College with programs focusing on Justice. Graduates of the program will be prepared for entry-level positions in areas such as human resources, social research, and social work, and the program will provide excellent preparation for graduate work in areas such as law, business, and social work in addition to doctoral level education in Sociology.

   Vice Chairperson Berry stated that this is an excellent program that John Jay College needs to pursue.

   Following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board.

4. College of Staten Island – Closing of the Department of Education, Establishment of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and the Department of Educational Studies.

Dr. Wrigley stated that the closing of the Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work, and the establishment of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology and the Department of Social Work will permit a more focused effort on programmatic and curricular development and more specialized representation on college-wide committees; and, the closing of the Department of Education, and the establishment of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and the Department of Educational Studies will enhance the ability of faculty members within each discipline to refine their programs to reflect emerging trends in their fields.

Vice Chairperson Berry stated that it is a great idea for the College of Staten Island to establish the departments separately because it allows for better academic traction. He added that he would like to see recommendations from other colleges to correct similar situations.

Dr. Julia Wrigley stated that CUNY has seen quite a bit of disaggregation of some of these big combination departments in recent years. She added that Vice Chairperson Berry’s request is an important step, and she will ask the Office of Academic Affairs staff to work on it.

In response to a question from Trustee Charles Shorter, Dr. Wrigley stated that this is part of a general trend—which is perhaps a national trend as well—whereby the community colleges used to have large-scale agglomerations of social sciences or humanities, and as the community colleges develop their curriculum further, CUNY has seen them separating out more so that students can pursue a more focused area of study.

President Russell Hotzler stated that there is a little bit of history here. Back in the 1990s there were some real budget squeezes from the State—there was an aggregation on a number of campuses where they actually combined a number of departments. What is being seen now, in some cases, is a reorganization that reverts back to that period of time.

Following discussion, items I.B.3 and I.B.4 were approved for submission to the Board.

5. Lehman College - Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 29, 2014.

1) Valerie Capers  
2) Michael J. Balick  
3) William Aguado

Doctor of Music  
Doctor of Science  
Doctor of Arts

6. Queens College – Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 29, 2014.

1) Carol Jantzen  

Doctor of Science
7. CUNY Law School – Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 16, 2014.

1) Steven B. Rosenfeld  
2) Sarah Weddington

8. Baruch College – Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 27, 2014.

1) Trevor Edwards

9. Brooklyn College – Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 29, 2014.

1) Dr. Oheneba Boachie-Adjei  
2) Edward Korman  
3) Edwidge Danticat

10. Medgar Evers College – Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 31, 2014.

1) Albert Vann

11. Graduate School and University Center – Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on June 3, 2014.

1) Leonard Lauder  
2) Jan Vilček  
3) Eugene Goodheart

12. Hunter College – Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 27, 2014.

1) Frayda Lindemann


1) Mario Jose Malina-Pasquel Henriquez  
2) Charles Figley

14. Macaulay Honors College – Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on June 6, 2014.

1) Harold E. Varmus

Vice Chairperson Berry stated that these are fine honorees, and it is good to see the values that come out of CUNY in terms of celebrating the distinguished work of all of these individuals.

Following discussion, items I.B.5 through I.B.14 were approved for submission to the Board.
II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Report by Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley

Dr. Wrigley stated that the agenda speaks for itself in showing the creative impulses of the colleges and the development of the curriculum across many different areas, and this is a steady occurrence at CUNY. With a lot of focus in particular this last year on Master’s programs—CUNY has long had some major Master’s programs—which are large, particularly in education and business, and some in social work, and those programs have carried the day in their respective fields, and perhaps there has been less attention into developing new Master’s programs that might appeal to a somewhat different clientele. The University is seeing some of the effects of that as it is harder to secure wide enrollment for graduate teaching programs, and in some other programs as well. CUNY is looking to the colleges as to what they can do to develop new and creative programs that perhaps will speak to a different segment of the New York City population. Teaching programs will always be extremely important because of the tight connection that it has with the New York City Public Schools but the University has many other areas which it would like to enter as well. The colleges have already shown the way in part through their initiative and their own academic creativity so CUNY expects to see more of that as time goes on.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.