The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

There were present:

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

**University Staff:**
- Chancellor James B. Milliken
- Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley

**Ex-officio:**
- Hon. Benno Schmidt

**Trustee Staff:**
- General Counsel and Senior Vice Chancellor Frederick P. Schaffer
- Deputy to the Secretary Hourig Messerlian
- Ms. Doris Wang

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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 JUNE 2, 2014.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **School of Professional Studies – M.S. in Disability Services in Higher Education.** Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley stated that this program will provide the necessary knowledge and skill set required to work in the field of disability services on a college campus. It is not a clinical program addressing diagnosis and treatment issues; instead, it will prepare students for administrative positions related to the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The curriculum covers different types of accommodations available for specific disabilities, existing registrations, and organization of a disability services office. The curriculum has been produced by CUNY’s own disability services professionals and has received praise from relevant professional organizations. Because the program is delivered completely online, SPS will recruit nationally for its students.

In response to a question from Chairperson Benno Schmidt, Senior University Dean John Mogulescu stated that the program is an online degree of the School of Professional Studies (SPS) which is part of the Graduate School and University Center.

SPS Academic Director Mariette Bates stated that one of the issues people have in academia is that CUNY has students with disabilities who are entitled to accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, but so far the state of the profession is somewhat chaotic and this is an attempt to try and make sure that there is a common
body of knowledge nationally for people providing these services, and this should help not only campuses but the students in terms of expectations.

In response to a question from Chairperson Schmidt, SPS Academic Director Bates stated that originally this degree program was projected to be relatively small but after many inquiries, it may be larger than initially thought, providing the necessary training for students to do this job. This is the first M.S. program in the country; however, there are certificate programs at Landmark College and at Yukon College.

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

2. **Hunter College – Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership.** Dr. Julia Wrigley stated that this is CUNY’s first innovative Ed.D. program, which is a professional doctorate in the field of education. It will prepare professionals in the K-12 education sector, to advance their careers to positions such as school superintendents, district-level directors of curriculum and charter school network leaders. The students, most of whom are expected to be working full-time in local area schools and district offices while pursuing their degree will enroll and complete the program in a cohort model.

President Jennifer Raab stated that the College is very excited about being able to offer this program because it is very clear that this is a degree that is very much in demand for hiring throughout the public school system and beyond and yet the only degrees available cost about four times more than what a CUNY degree would cost so there is definitely a market for it and the College has extraordinary expertise in its educational school and best practices. This would be the College’s second professional doctorate.

In response to a question from Chairperson Schmidt, President Raab stated that Dean David Steiner is leading the effort on this program but there is room for some expertise at The Graduate Center. The College hopes to pull in other disciplines, as Dean Steiner is very committed and is really looking for a focus on effective clinical practice, being that this is the doctorate to help Hunter College do the research to figure out what makes a great teacher and how to use that research to continue the practice.

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

3. **Hunter College – Establishment of the Department of Women and Gender Studies.** Dr. Wrigley stated that the Women and Gender Studies program at Hunter College was first established in 1975, and was one of the first such programs in the country. It emerged as part of a larger, intellectual, political and pedagogical movement that sought to redress omissions in the study of gender, sexuality and racial-ethnic minorities in undergraduate University curricula but the program lacked its own academic home. At this time the College is creating a separate academic department to house this interdisciplinary program. A senior scholar has been recruited to lead the department once it is formally established and a related resolution has been entered into the Personnel section of the Chancellor’s University Report which transfers the new Chair plus two of the faculty members from other departments into the new department. In accordance with standard practice at CUNY, the College will bring two other faculty members to the new department over the next five years.

In response to a question from Chairperson Schmidt, President Raab stated that this program is primarily for undergraduate coursework—it is a major through a program. Ironically as the leader, being one of the first places in the country to have a women’s study program, the College never created a department. Many students are taking it and
majoring in it. Some of the courses developed at the College do have master’s programs in History and in other areas that could be crossed over to.

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

4. Borough of Manhattan Community College – A.S. in Animation and Motion Graphics. Dr. Wrigley stated that this program builds on the existing strengths of BMCC in the field of Media Production, which offers a large employment market in New York City. The curriculum includes fundamentals of two and three dimensional animation, motion graphics and special effects, which are widely used in advertising campaigns, video games, movies, television and web design. This STEM program also offers a solid base for further study.

BMCC Prof. Cynthia Karasek stated that this program will give students a chance to progress technically to the point where they could do entry-level work with an Associate of Science degree, but more to the point, it will be articulated with Lehman College to finish students at either of a BS or BFA program. Right now the BFA program has been articulated with BMCC and the College will pursue the BS program for the more technical side of the program.

In response to a question from Chairperson Schmidt, BMCC Prof. Karasek stated that this AS program is not offered at any other CUNY community college.

Chairperson Schmidt stated that it is especially fitting for BMCC to be training people in this area as there are plenty of good jobs so this a very useful program to focus on, particularly given CUNY’s location.

President Russell Hotzler stated that New York City College of Technology has similar programs; however, they go by different titles.

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

5. City College – M.D. in Medical Education. Dr. Wrigley stated that this is a historic first for CUNY. Since the 1970s the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education has been providing access to medical education for youth from social, ethnic and racial backgrounds historically underrepresented in medicine, and develops primary care for physicians committed to practicing in underserved communities. In its current structure, City College, through the Sophie Davis School, awards a BS in Biomedical Education and as one of six cooperating medical schools, awards the MD. Sophie Davis is seeking to become a Doctor of Medicine degree granting institution in order to offer the full BS MD program at CUNY. The letter of intent for this proposal was approved by the Board of Trustees at its November 2013 meeting.

President Lisa Coico stated that City College is excited and thrilled by this important program for CUNY as a whole and this medical school is very much in keeping with the University’s mission. Compared to the national average, CUNY’s physicians develop a tremendous passion for serving in their communities. The College is very proud of the history of this program.

In response to a question from Chairperson Schmidt, Provost Maurizio Trevisan stated that the College has been informed that its application to the accreditation board at the LCME has been accepted and a site visit will be scheduled by February of next year. If everything goes according to plan the first class will be admitted in the fall of 2016.
In response to another question from Chairperson Schmidt, Provost Trevisan stated that the students who are accepted into the MD program will not get an undergraduate degree. They will spend seven years with the College to obtain their BS and MD degree.

In response to a question from Trustee Charles Shorter, Provost Trevisan stated that City College’s plan is to basically charge a comparable tuition to that charged at the SUNY school, which is currently $33,000 for in-state students.

Provost Trevisan stated that the net effect of paying $33,000 for four years is basically slightly less than what the students now pay by going to NYU, New York Medical College or Albany Medical College where they pay $55,000 tuition for two years plus the $6,000 that they pay with the College.

President Coico stated that the College has had a very generous alumnus of the School of Engineering who has posed a challenge to develop an interest-free loan program in which the students would be able to get interest-free loans for part of the tuition for the medical school, and then over ten years, after they finish their residencies they can pay it back into the fund which would then go to finance another medical school student in the Sophie Davis program.

In response to a question from Trustee Shorter, Provost Trevisan stated that the one-time capital cost of $3 million to improve the current facility was already received from the City Council. In addition to charging tuition, the SUNY schools receive FTE support and support from New York State of about $40,000 per FTE student, asking the State of New York to match it. If this money is not received the College will have about $3 million to go to the current budget and this will be shared by CUNY Central Office and the College.

In response to a question from Chairperson Schmidt, Provost Trevisan stated that St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx will be the cooperating hospital for the Sophie Davis Medical School at City College. The hospital is ranked very highly by U.S. News and World Report. He added that one of the changes in medical education is that medical students are working less in hospital centers and more in ambulatory care centers and the College already has a commitment from the Health and Hospital Corporation to help with clerkships.

President Coico stated that this could enable some students to do their clerkships in the boroughs in which they are born and in which they live as well, which is very critical.

Provost Trevisan stated that traditionally the national percentage of African-American students in medical school is six percent, at Sophie Davis it is twenty-seven percent and of the School’s entering class, fifty-five percent of the students are underrepresented minorities and seventy percent of the students—either migrants themselves or sons or daughters of migrants—receive federal help. Many will not have the opportunity to pursue a medical career otherwise.

In response to a question from Chairperson Schmidt, President Coico stated that as a cohort, class size will be around seventy; however, accreditation allows fluctuation up to ten percent.

Chairperson Schmidt stated that this wonderful program will be a good addition to the landscape of the University as there is a national shortage of doctors of all kinds, particularly in hard hit communities where there is inadequate care. He added that he hopes that this program develops as a research center as well as an educational program because if it does emerge as a strong participant in the bioengineering,
nanoscience and so many other areas that scientists are interested in will be very well supported.

Chancellor James Milliken stated that this is such an important addition to what CUNY offers to serve New York, and Sophie Davis has a great tradition but the number of changes in the market, and the economics of healthcare required the University to adopt a different strategy. It will continue to meet the needs of New York City more effectively. He added that affiliation agreements with clinical providers are probably a great thing for CUNY today; it leaves the University a little more nimble in the marketplace, with fewer obligations.

In response to a question from Chairperson Schmidt, Provost Trevisan stated that City College has already initiated a conversation with the CUNY School of Public Health for an MD/Ph.D program, Baruch College for an MBA program and the CUNY School of Law for an MD/JD program. He added that the School received funding from Andrew Grove to establish a Master in Translational Medicine with the School of Biomedical Engineering, Sophie Davis, and UCSF as well.

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

6. CUNY School of Law – Resolution to Award an Honorary Degree at the School’s Spring Commencement Ceremony. Dr. Wrigley stated that this.

1) Lynn Paltrow Doctor of Laws

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

7. Hunter College – Resolution to Award an Honorary Degree at the College’s Winter Commencement Ceremony.

1) Twyla Tharp Doctor of Humane Letters

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

8. City College – Resolution to Award an Honorary Degree at an Event on Campus in the Spring.

2) Michael Pope Doctor of Science

Following discussion, the item was 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 new academic programs that came forward today are all interesting and well-conceived. They are all going to be of value to CUNY and to the city. She added that she would like to speak in appreciation of the faculty members and administrators from the colleges who have generated these valuable new programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.