The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Freida D. Foster, Chair
- Hon. Jeffrey S. Wiesenfeld, Vice Chair
- Hon. Wellington Z. Chen
- Hon. Rita DiMartino
- Hon. Charles A. Shorter
- Prof. Jay Weiser, faculty member
- President Gail O. Mellow, COP liaison

**Ex-officio:**
- Vice Chairperson Philip A. Berry

**Trustee Observers:**
- Hon. Terrence F. Martell
- Hon. Kafui K. Kouakou

**Trustee Staff:**
- Senior Vice Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Jay Hershenson
- Senior Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Frederick P. Schaffer
- Deputy to the Secretary Hourig Messerlian

**University Staff:**
- Chancellor Matthew Goldstein
- Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer Allan H. Dobrin
- Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall

### Cal. No. DISPOSITION

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

**I. ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2012.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**


***PRESENTATION BY VICE CHANCELLOR IRIS WEINSHALL ON THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK FY2013-14 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST***

In response to a question from Trustee Charles Shorter, Vice Chancellor Weinshall explained that the ten-year budget request is $10.5 billion in total: $8.3 billion for senior colleges and $2.2 for community colleges and then the five-year plan is $6.4 billion. The budget will include the city funds CUNY had originally said the budget was to exclude but the University had to back end the city portion of the submission that CUNY made to NY Works.
In response to a question from Prof. Jay Weiser, Vice Chancellor Weinshall explained that there is a course the University must take for determining what goes into the capital budget. CUNY works with the college presidents at individual campuses during the summer to prioritize in terms of what projects needs to get done. CUNY uses the template of the priorities set by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees—Decade of Sciences, ongoing projects, and state of good repair efforts. In addition, the Central Administration works off the master plans that the University has put in place for the campuses over the last five to six years to set out the priorities that the University would like to ask the state going forward. All the master plans are presented to the Trustees to be voted on both by this committee and by the full Board.

In response to another question from Prof. Weiser, Chancellor Matthew Goldstein explained that this committee looks at priorities campus by campus on a project by project basis. So everything that is derived from the individual master plans of the campuses comes from basic building blocks, which have the deep involvement of administrators, faculty, students, and it is the same exact process that the University uses to develop the master plan that drives the operating budget.

In response to a question from Trustee Shorter, Chancellor Goldstein explained that the New Community College has a ten-year lease and there is no immediate change in place needed as it is still in its infancy and has a very small numbers of students. CUNY is looking at the current North Hall of John Jay College. That is going to be a highly sought after piece of property. The market will probably benefit the University by slowing down as to the rush to do that right now. The University has many other priorities.

In response to a question from Trustee Kafui Kouakou, Vice Chancellor Weinshall explained that many things were taken into consideration when looking at the Hunter College initiative, which is near the water, as to an emergency system. The new building will be at a flood plain so the University is going to build a bathtub. In addition, the emergency generators will be going on the sixth floor where the mechanical space will be, so it will not be in the basement of the building.

In response to a question from Vice Chairperson Philip Berry, Vice Chancellor Weinshall explained that NY Works, DoB, and the state government are placing a point-like system together whereas CUNY can reexamine the University’s ten-year plan to make mid-course corrections based on new needs, student needs, and building needs because by the time CUNY reaches the tenth year, the budget would not look anything like what was submitted ten years before so CUNY will have plenty of opportunity to redo the ten-year plan.

In response to a question from Trustee Shorter, Vice Chancellor Weinshall explained that there are no discretely defined points at which CUNY can come back in and say the University would like to correct this plan, however there will be opportunities for the University to be heard in terms of how the process should work.

Vice Chairperson Berry stated that as usual, CUNY has developed a very good plan in light of all the strategic goals that the University has. It is great to see the alignment of its operational goals and the goals CUNY has for the students, and also New York City and the University’s role within that.
2. Medgar Evers College – Library Expansion. Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval of a design by Ikon.5, in the $21 million renovation project at Medgar Evers. This project was first introduced to the Board in June 2006. Medgar Evers will renovate approximately 42,000 square feet of Charles Evans Inniss Memorial Library and build a new 2,200 square foot Welcome Center adjacent to the library, located in the Bedford Building. The upgraded library will provide the college with a state-of-the-art, code compliant facility.

In response to a question from Prof. Weiser, Vice Chancellor Weinshall explained that the uses of libraries are changing very fast whereas the University is seeing much more use of work stations rather than stacks being used on college campuses. The Medgar Evers College library expansion will be more in line with the library at Bronx Community College than it would be with its existing library. The new library will have fewer stacks and more innovative and creative work stations, which will create more places for students to work in groups, and utilize the technology they need at libraries.

In response to a question from Vice Chairperson Berry, Vice Chancellor Weinshall explained that the University has a new template that CUNY wants to use with libraries. Every project that CUNY does that entails a library or has a library attached to it, the University brings in consultants that it believes can really think out the next ten years in terms of CUNY utilizing monies so that continuous improvements are achieved within the University. University Dean for Libraries and Information Resources Curtis Kendrick is thinking along the lines of how Medgar Evers College, as well as some of the other campuses can advance their technological capability and deal with the digital divide in their communities.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer Allan Dobrin stated that in the future, librarians are going to be more important. Much of the research students do now is on the internet so it is not refereed in any way. Librarians have to be able to guide students towards information that has a higher chance of being true.

In response to a question from Committee Chair Freida Foster, Chancellor Goldstein explained that the University will continue partnerships of private involvement with high tech companies. CUNY has a very well-trained and highly innovative and forward-thinking IT group at the University headed Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer Brian Cohen. University Dean for Libraries and Information Resources Kendrick and Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer Cohen are constantly consulting with some of the futurists connected with some big technology companies and bringing that information back and embedding it into planning.

3. The City University of New York – Lease Amendment at 230 West 41st Street, New York, N.Y., on behalf of the Central Office. Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked that a lease amendment be authorize for additional space at 230 West 41st Street. The building is owned by the Research Foundation of The City University of New York. The University currently leases about 172,000 square feet in this space. The University Office of Budget and Finance, which is located at this facility, is in need of additional office space. The University is seeking to add approximately 4,600 square feet to the space on the 11th floor. The base rent will be $43 a square foot. The amended rate for the lease amendment will bring the current lease to a termination date of June 2017.
Following discussion, items I.B.1 through I.B.3 were unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The committee went into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters from 4:46 p.m. until 4:59 p.m.