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

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
Hon. Freida D. Foster, Chair
Hon. Wellington Z. Chen
Hon. Rita DiMartino
Hon. Brian D. Obergfell
Hon. Charles A. Shorter
Prof. Jay Weiser, faculty member
Mr. Karamvir Singh, student member
President Gail O. Mellow, COP liaison

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

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

**Trustee Staff:**
Senior Vice Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Jay Hershenson
Deputy General Counsel Jane Sovern
Deputy to the Secretary Hourig Messerlian
Ms. Towanda Lewis
Mr. Steven Quinn

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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 NOVEMBER 5, 2012.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **The City University of New York – Lease Amendment at 5030 Broadway, New York, New York, on behalf of Hostos Community College and Borough of Manhattan Community College.** Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall asked that a lease amendment be authorized for additional space of 3,700 square feet at 5030 Broadway, on behalf of Hostos Community College and Borough of Manhattan Community College. The space that the University currently occupies was originally owned by the Catholic Church and it was not ADA compliant and did not have air conditioning. This additional space will add to the academic activity in Washington Heights.

2. **LaGuardia Community College – Humanities Office Complex Relocation.** Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the committee’s approval for the Humanities Office Complex Relocation at LaGuardia Community College for a library expansion. The design will be performed by APA/Ahuga Partnership Architects.
In response to a question from Prof. Jay Weiser, Vice Chancellor Weinshall explained that the first square foot cost over office space compared to what CUNY has been doing in office renovations is within the scope of how CUNY built out the space. It is not exorbitant by any standard.

Following discussion, items I.B.1 and I.B.2 were unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **York College Academic Village And Conference Center**

  ***PRESENTATION BY TODD SCHLIEemann, FOUNdING PARTNER AND DESIGN PRINCIPAL, ENNEAD ARCHITECTS***

  In response to a question from Trustee Charles A. Shorter, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that CUNY is seeking LED certification for the center. The York College Academic Village and Conference Center will be approximately 163,000 square feet and the estimated cost is around $250 million. The objective of the center is to serve the students as well as the community of York College.

  In response to a question from Trustee Shorter, Mr. Todd Schliemann stated that the center will be energy efficient. The center will operate on a totally passive system.

  In response to a question from Prof. Jay Weiser, Mr. Schliemann stated that the conference center will accommodate 300 people in its largest meeting room, which is divisible into break-out spaces. The break-out spaces can accommodate around sixty people, and can also double as classroom space. The center will also have a small food service operation plus a café in close proximity to the center. In addition, the center will have a separate entrance for students to use as necessary when a conference is being held.

  In response to a question from Prof. Weiser, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that due to the location of the campus there will be a bookstore on site. Once construction begins, the University will reprogram the space for the York College Academic Village and Conference Center if the bookstore has become obsolete.

  In response to a question from Trustee Shorter and Prof. Weiser, Mr. Schliemann noted that CUNY owns two-thirds of the triangle yard space adjacent to the York College campus.

  Vice Chancellor Weinshall noted that every year the University selects one project to be part of the new five-year Capital Plan and has chosen the York building this year.

- **Brooklyn College New Roosevelt Hall Science Building**

  ***PRESENTATION BY CAROL LOEWENSON, PARTNER, MITCHELL-GIURGOLA ARCHITECTS***

  Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that Brooklyn College was very involved in the design of the New Roosevelt Hall Science Building, and in particular, President Gould felt strongly about having larger lecture halls. As a result CUNY has pushed the architects to come up with a pretty creative and innovative solution. In addition, Mitchell-Giurgola Architects were very
insistent that CUNY create student space at the West Quad Building and the Pavilion. This will be a beacon for students to study, grab a cup of coffee or just interact with other students. I would like to thank Assistant Director Risa Honig in the department of Design, Construction & Management. She has worked very hard with the college community.

In response to a question from Trustee Shorter, Ms. Carol Loewenson explained that the New Roosevelt Hall Science Building will have amphitheater style lecture halls with scaled up classrooms for math and physics. There will be a lot of innovative learning spaces as well as more traditional learning spaces.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that when the old Roosevelt Hall is demolished, CUNY will have about 280,000 square feet, of which 180,000 square feet go into this new building. The University has not formulated a plan for the usage of the remaining space of 100,000 square feet but will eventually have a use for it.

In response to a question from Trustee Shorter, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that since the committee’s last meeting CUNY went through a public process of submitting about fifteen priority projects to the state necessary for NY Works. The University is now waiting on the state to sort through the projects and make a decision. If the state approves, it will go into the Governor's budget. Otherwise CUNY will have to wait another two or three years. In the interim, CUNY has enough projects lined up. All submissions are available to all committee members for their review.

In response to a question from Trustee Shorter and Prof. Weiser, Chancellor Matthew Goldstein explained that in the past one biggest problem with respect to the city and the state was that the state was prepared to put money into the appropriation process, but the city was resistant and after a while this affected the state’s process. Obviously this only occurs with the community colleges, but in the latter stages of the Bloomberg administration that kind of resistance has gone away. There is much more cohesiveness to the transition, however CUNY does not see a capital program available for another year or two. The University made a special request and is still waiting to see if it will be entertained. This is for one or two projects comparable to something that the University calls the CUNY 20/20 program. It would be outside of the appropriation process.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall reported that CUNY finalized the sale of the Central Office building at 535 East 80th Street for $62 million. A portion of it is going to the lease at 42nd Street, but a large portion is going to all the high-end equipment CUNY needs to buy ASRC complex at City College. CUNY has agreed to vacate the 80th Street building by June 30th.

Committee Chair Freida D. Foster stated that she would like to welcome the new student member from Queens College, Mr. Karamvir Singh.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.