The meeting was called to order at 4:04 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. Brian D. Obergfell
Hon. Charles A. Shorter
Prof. Jay Weiser, faculty member
President Gail O. Mellow, COP liaison

**Ex-officio:**
Vice Chairperson Philip Alfonso Berry

**Trustee Observers:**
Hon. Kafui K. Kouakou

**Trustee Staff:**
Senior Vice Chancellor and Secretary of the
Board Jay Hershenson
General Counsel and Senior Vice Chancellor
Frederick P. Schaffer
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Ms. Towanda Lewis

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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 4, 2013.** The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

C. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center/Hunter College Science and Health Professions Building

  ***PRESENTATION BY TODD SCHLIEmann, FOUNDING PARTNER AND DESIGN PRINCIPAL, ENNEAD ARCHITECTS***

  In response to a question from Trustee Charles Shorter, Mr. Todd Schliemann stated that all of the maneuvering of deliveries will be in a ceiling ventilated loading dock on 73rd Street at grade for both Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and CUNY, where they can make a K turn because of the issue of traffic and other concerns.
In response to a question from Prof. Jay Weiser, Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall stated that the structure of the escalators was prescribed by the architects, not because money ran out. The University encourages people to use the stairs for exercise.

Mr. Schliemann noted that the six elevators are oversized as if the stairs were not going to be used; and, the peak of the population will be around 10am and then again around 3pm. The way the narrow corridors are sized—which is another concern as to gross square footage—is due to certain efficiencies but it accommodates the small population and makes for a nice sequence of space. The College has even enhanced some of the fire stairs because students will use what they can to avoid traffic.

In response to a question from Chancellor Matthew Goldstein, Mr. Schliemann stated that one thing the University has to pay close attention to is that the foundation has to resist water, because it is a big bathtub. The most effective thing to do is to build a common bathtub so that there are no penetrations and no separations. Above that, the two buildings share a column line, but the column line has structure that is dedicated to both buildings so if it is decided in the future to take one of the buildings down the other would still be there.

In response to a question from Prof. Jay Weiser, Mr. Schliemann stated that Ennead Architects accommodated the new seismic codes, so the buildings can move and sustain themselves.

B. POLICY CALENDAR

1. Bronx Community College – Gould Memorial Library Rotunda Egress Stair. Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the City University Construction Fund to execute a construction contract on behalf of Bronx Community College to build a new set of egress stairs in the rotunda of the Gould Memorial Library. Presently, the Library has one set of stairs which holds a little over seventy people in the space. By putting in a second set of stairs the Library will be able to accommodate more than three hundred people, so it will allow the College to use the space in a better fashion.

2. Queens College – TV Production Facility Upgrade. Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to enter into a construction contract to upgrade and rebuild Queens College’s TV production facility. This project will not exceed more than the $3.1 million, funding from City Council Reso-A funds.

3. LaGuardia Community College – Library Expansion and Renovation. Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to accept the design of the library expansion in the E Building at LaGuardia Community College with a construction budget of almost $9 million. The project will expand the existing library at LaGuardia Community College into an additional 21,250 square feet of space located on to the 2nd floor of the E Building for student seating and study space.

In response to a question of Prof. Weiser, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that with each project and each new group of architects, CUNY is definitely coming up with best practices.

4. Baruch College – Campus-Wide Fire Alarm Project. Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to execute a Purchase Order for services to design, purchase and install a new fire alarm system in the Information and Technology Building at Baruch College. This project will cost about $900,000 and it will be done off of an existing state contract. The building is not in compliance with the current New York City Building and Fire Codes and the building is now under Fire Watch.
5. **Bronx Community College – Meister Hall Dual Temp Piping Replacement.** Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the City University Construction Fund to execute a design and construction contract for the replacement of the old and deteriorated dual temperature mechanical piping in Meister Hall. By having the dual temperature mechanical piping system replaced, the HVAC system will work much better at Bronx Community College, in particular at Meister Hall.

6. **Hostos Community College – Lease Amendment for 560 Exterior Street, Bronx, New York.** Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the execution of a lease amendment, for space at 560 Exterior Street in the Bronx for the addition of two suites—for a total of 17,864 rentable square feet of space—to be added to the existing space, for a grand total of 29,017 rentable square feet of space. The new space will be used by the College for additional offices and classrooms.

7. **Borough of Manhattan Community College – Lease Renewal at 70 Murray Street, New York, N.Y.** Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the execution of a 20 year lease renewal, for approximately 166,206 rentable square feet of space, at 70 Murray Street, New York, New York. The College has occupied office and classroom space at this location since June 2004, pursuant to a lease that will expire in May 2015.

Prof. Weiser stated that the project summaries that are provided are very helpful; however, putting the rent per square footage would be helpful as well to incorporate changes to base year.

8. **The Central Office – Lease Renewal at 230 West 41st Street, New York, N.Y.** Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the execution of a twenty-year lease Renewal and Modification Agreement for space at 230 West 41st Street, New York, N.Y. The Central Office has occupied 177,292 rentable square feet of office and academic spaces on several floors of this building owned by the Research Foundation (RF) of CUNY, under two leases starting in July 2004. The University and RF have agreed to extend the lease for twenty years and take an addition 2,609 square feet of space in the building as well.

9. **Brooklyn College – New Lease of Space at 25 Washington Street, Brooklyn, New York.** Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the execution of a twenty-year lease, for approximately 69,941 rentable square feet of space at 25 Washington Street—Brooklyn Navy Yard—in Brooklyn, New York, for use by Brooklyn College to create a Graduate Film Studies Program. The space will include offices, classrooms for design and production, a digital lab, studios, and other specialized spaces.

In response to a question from Prof. Weiser, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that the architectural firm of Dattner Associates will design the space for Brooklyn College.

10. **The Central Office – Lease Renewal at 39-07 Prince Street, Flushing, N.Y.** Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the execution of a ten-year lease extension and modification agreement, for approximately 10,000 rentable square feet of space, at 39-07 Prince Street, Flushing, New York, on behalf of The Central Office. The University has been using this space since 2003, by both Queensborough Community College as well as the Citizenship and Immigration Program at CUNY.
11. **College of Staten Island – New Lease for Classroom Space at 100 Merrill Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y.** Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the execution of a two-year lease with three one-year options for a furnished 8,064 square foot modular building located at 100 Merrill Avenue, Staten Island, New York, for use by the College of Staten Island’s Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development. The new space will free up other space on the campus for academic needs.

12. **Hunter College – Kennedy Center Acquisition, 149 East 67th Street, New York, N.Y.** Vice Chancellor Weinshall asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize The City University of New York to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York for the acquisition of a 7-story building at 149 East 67th Street, New York, New York, currently used by the Kennedy Child Study Center for children who have developmental issues. The purchase price will be $18 million and Hunter College was able to get a donation of $10 million from a Hunter alumna and the balance from construction cost savings of the recently developed Silberman School of Social Work Building at 2180 Third Avenue.

Following discussion, items I.B.1 through I.B.12 were unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.