The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m.

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Marc Shaw, Chair
- Hon. Jeffrey S. Wiesenfeld, Vice Chair
- Hon. Wellington Chen
- Prof. Karen Kaplowitz, faculty member
- Ms. Sherrie Moody, student member
- President James Muyskens, alternate COP liaison

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

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

**Trustee Staff:**
- Senior Vice Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Jay Hershenson
- Associate General Counsel Jane Sovern
- Mr. Steven Quinn

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The agenda items were considered in the following order:

**I. ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **City University of New York - CUNY School of Law Agreements:** resolution to authorize those instruments and agreements necessary to proceed with the development of a property at 2 Court Square, Long Island City, Queens, for the CUNY Law School project.

   Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall stated that this project is moving quickly. The University has entered into a letter of intent with Citibank for this property and now has to finalize a number of other agreements in order to make this project happen: a purchase and sale agreement, a condo agreement, and a lease between the 63-20 Corporation and CUNY.

2. **City University of New York - Lease at 875 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY:** resolution to authorize the replacement of CUNY's existing lease at this space with a new 15-year lease, and to convert the existing lease space from office to classroom use, in order to house the CUNY School of Professional Studies at this location.

   Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that the University has long tried to find a permanent home for CUNY's School of Professional Studies and as a result of the consolidation of administrative functions at 57th Street, and the relocation of the data center to 395
Hudson Street, 875 Sixth Avenue has become available for the School of Professional Studies. The University will be increasing its space in this building from 43,000 square feet to 91,000 square feet. This is a good location for the School of Professional Studies as it is accessible to public transportation.

4. City University of New York - Lease at 162-10 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY: resolution to authorize the execution of a new 12.25-year lease at Gertz Plaza, Jamaica, to accommodate the CUNY Public Safety Academy. The Academy is being relocated from its current space at York College.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that with York College in need of more space, the University had to find a new place for the Public Safety Academy. Gertz Plaza, a large facility located in Jamaica, has space available and the University has been working with the landlord to lease space for the Academy.

In response to a question, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that there are various offices, not one big user, but that space is available. The landlord is eager to work with CUNY to provide us with the space.

Committee Chair Marc Shaw noted that the University's Public Safety Academy does the training for several City agencies, and that the University thus makes money off the training center.

2. City University of New York - Five-Year Capital Budget Request: resolution to approve the Five-Year Capital Budget Request, FY 2010-2011 through FY 2014-2015, on behalf of the City University of New York.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that there are a number of ongoing capital projects at the University. Construction continues on Phase 1 of the CUNY Advanced Science Research Center and the new science building on the City College Campus. When completed, the two buildings will add more than 400,000 square feet of state-of-the-art science facilities. A new 620,000 gross square foot building to provide John Jay with much needed space for both instruction and support services will be completed in time for the Fall 2011 term. At Medgar Evers, the new 194,000 gross square foot Academic Building 1 will address the College's need for state-of-the-art classrooms and computer labs as well as instructional labs and faculty offices. The University anticipates completing this $235 million project in the Summer of 2010. At Queens College, a 26,000 gross square foot addition to Remsen Hall containing labs that will be used for both instruction and research is scheduled to open early next year. The University expects to complete the deconstruction of Fiterman Hall by the end of November and will start on a new building before the end of the year. Construction is just beginning on the new building for the Hunter College School of Social Work and Public Health, replacing the inefficient existing building with a new facility designed to meet the School's need which will be open for the Fall term of 2011. The construction of the new North Instructional Building at Bronx Community College will provide 98,000 gross square feet including state-of-the-art classrooms, a library, and an information commons. The University anticipates completion of this building in the Summer of 2012. Also at Bronx Community College, the 13,000 gross square foot modular building for the Child Development Center will be ready this Spring. Construction of the first phase of Lehman's new 66,000 gross square foot science complex has begun and is scheduled for completion in August of 2011.
Vice Chancellor Weinshall noted that in last year's budget the State provided $284 million for critical maintenance projects at senior colleges, continuing their commitment to maintaining a state of good repair. The City provided nearly $56 million, of which $22 million is mayoral funding for planned NYC projects that addresses energy reductions at the community colleges. Together with the colleges, the University administration was successful in lobbying for Resolution A funding to the tune of $33.8 million from the borough presidents and the City Council. A major change enacted in last year's budget is that Medgar Evers College is now allowed to use 100 percent state funding for their projects. This will help address many critical maintenance problems more expeditiously at the College, removing the need for City funding to move projects along.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that the new Five-Year Capital Budget Request covers the period 2010-2011 through 2014-2015 and represents the University's additional need above and beyond the amount provided in the last two budgeted years. The University is requesting $5.3 billion for the upcoming five years, $4 billion for the senior colleges, $1.3 billion for community colleges. The State provides 100 percent of the funding for the senior colleges and 50 percent for the community colleges. The City provides the matching 50 percent for the community colleges. The request breaks down to $4.6 billion from the State, of which approximately $4 billion is for the senior colleges and $660 million is for the community colleges. The request to the City is approximately $700 million. The University is also requesting about $93 million in Resolution A funding from the borough presidents and the City Council.

She noted that the University's request needs to be somewhat restrained again this year in consideration of the financial conditions the state is experiencing. Despite that, many of the University's programs were partially funded in fiscal year 2008-2009 and need final allocations to be completed. As a result, the requested budget includes the balance of the funds the University did not receive over the last two fiscal years with escalation factors added in. Only a limited number of new strategic initiative projects are included in this request.

She added that there has been a major effort by the Chancellor's staff to get the City to match over $160 million in existing State funds over the last six months. The State previously allocated funds to CUNY for community colleges that cannot be accessed due to the lack of matching City funds. There has been an ongoing discussion with the City and a tentative agreement has been reached that will add funds to the City's January plan for several important critical maintenance projects. In addition, the current capital budget request includes over $500 million in critical maintenance projects for the community colleges.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that projects under way and requiring additional funds for completion include City Tech’s new academic building to be built on the site of the Klitgord building, and the construction of a new Performing Arts Center at Brooklyn College to replace the outdated Gershwin Hall and create a new entryway to the College. She stated that current request also includes funds for the University’s continuing critical maintenance program. An example of the large critical maintenance challenges facing the University is the terra cotta façade of LaGuardia's 882,000 square feet Center 3 Building. The most recent Local Law 11 report found that the façade’s poor condition made the building unsafe. As a short-term measure, a sidewalk bridge has been erected to protect pedestrians, but the façade must be replaced if the building is to be preserved. Renovation of the 168,000 square foot façade is estimated to cost $118 million over three years.
phases. This is one of the three priority critical maintenance projects the City has indicated it will fund this year.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall noted that funds requested for the Chancellor's initiatives include approximately $122 million over five years to continue CUNY First, funding for the next phase of science facilities at Hunter, Lehman and Queens, and additional funding for science lab upgrades system wide. The request also includes funding for relocation of the CUNY data center, a new disaster recovery business continuity program, and requests for funding to replenish CUNY’s operating budgets for the purchase of capital equipment paid for in the first instance with operating funds.

In response to a question, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that there is no pattern of receiving a certain percentage of the capital request—the portion of the request that is funded depends on the economic vitality of the State.

In response to a question, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that the State Division of the Budget would like to keep the capital budget low. The University’s best opportunity is to work with individual members of the legislature to try and gain momentum and support for a number of these projects.

In response to a question, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that both the State Division of the Budget and DASNY will not permit a project to begin unless all the money is appropriated. In both the case of the Klitgord Building and that of the Performing Arts Center, the University cannot begin the projects unless it receives the additional appropriations.

In response to a question, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that the University will carry the payment for debt services on the CUNY School of Law building, and that it is going to be approximately a $135 million bond issue. The underwriters are looking to use Build America bonds, which afford the University the best rate at this point.

Following discussion, items I.B.1–I.B.4 were approved for submission to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.