The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

There were present:

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

**Ex-officio:**
- Hon. Philip Alfonso Berry

**University Staff:**
- Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley
- Vice Chancellor Frank Sánchez
- Vice Chancellor Gillian Small

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

### 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 NOVEMBER 3, 2014.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

**B. POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **Baruch College – B.S. in Financial Engineering.** Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley stated that Baruch College has established a national reputation with its M.S. in Financial Engineering so the College now seeks to launch a similar program at the undergraduate level. In addition to preparing students for direct employment and doctoral programs, the BS program will also serve as a feeder program for the MS degree. Coursework for the program includes economics, probability and statistics, calculus, computer programming and data analysis and simulation. The MS program has a very high placement rate for graduates and the College expects similar results from the undergraduate program.

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

2. **Hunter College – B.S.W. in Social Work.** Dr. Julia Wrigley stated that this BSW program in Social Work at Hunter College seeks to capitalize on the outstanding reputation of its highly competitive MSW program by offering an undergraduate social work major. The curriculum will include traditional social work courses plus electives in social sciences and two internships. The College will be seeking the appropriate accreditation from the Council of Social Work Education.

   Following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board.
3. City College – M.S. in Translational Medicine. Dr. Wrigley stated that Translational Medicine, as applied to technology, refers to the process of transforming basic science discoveries into practical medical technologies for use with patients. Such technologies include therapeutic drugs, medical devices, diagnostic materials, and computer applications. City College’s proposal for the development of a Translational Medicine degree program is driven by the mounting demand for professionals such as engineers, physicians, and biomedical scientists who can successfully translate CUNY’s abundant science and technology innovations into actual advances in patient health and healthcare. The Grove School of Engineering developed this program with a grant from the Grove Foundation.

In response to a question from Vice Chairperson Philip Berry, Provost Maurizio Trevisan stated that there are 25-30 Master’s programs around the country similar to this program, the difference being that City College will be focusing a lot on the practical implication of how to bring the product from the bench to the market. Many translational programs only focus on the bench side. Andrew Grove spearheaded this effort in California before giving City College this gift. This is a very innovative program.

In response to another question from Vice Chairperson Berry, Provost Trevisan stated that graduates of this MS program will have direct employment opportunities with start-up and technology companies.

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

4. School of Professional Studies – M.A. in Psychology. Dr. Wrigley stated that the proposed M.A. in Psychology allows students to concentrate in either industrial/organizational psychology or developmental psychology, each of which has direct employment opportunities. The program also requires two courses in research methods and a thesis. With this program, SPS continues to expand its offerings that are delivered in a fully online format. This will be the first online graduate program in psychology at CUNY.

In response to a question from Vice Chairperson Berry, SPS Dean John Mogulescu stated that there are six Master’s programs at SPS, two of which are already online.

In response to a question from Vice Chairperson Berry, SPS Associate Dean George Otte stated that SPS has both MA and MS programs: M.S. in Business, M.S. in Data Analytics, M.A. in Disability Studies, M.A. in Applied Theater, M.A. in Labor Studies, and M.A. in Urban Studies.

In response to question from Vice Chairperson Berry, past Academic Director of Psychology Ellen Smiley stated that SPS explored the possibilities of an MA program and an MS program for this particular proposed program and decided to go with the MA option although there is a research emphasis in both of the focal areas because this proposed program focuses more on developing people skills for jobs in applied areas.

In response to another question from Vice Chairperson Berry, Director Smiley stated that this proposed program will be very rigorous, preparing students for first-rate doctoral programs, including those at CUNY.

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

5. Graduate School and University Center – M.A. in Women’s and Gender Studies. Dr. Wrigley stated that this program will draw heavily upon existing courses in health, public
policy, international women's issues and LGBTQ Studies that are already being offered at The Graduate Center. This will allow students to focus their studies to their particular interests while keeping the operational costs of the program low. Graduates are expected to find or advance career opportunities in venues such as non-profit organizations, colleges and universities, and community health organizations, as well as preparing them to pursue doctoral studies.

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

6. **York College – M.S. in Physician Assistant.** Dr. Wrigley stated that this program is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant. In preparation for changes in the accreditation standards, the College is transitioning its program to the graduate level. Courses from the existing undergraduate program have been revised, and new courses have been added to warrant a higher credential. York College will now be able to recruit from a wider geographical range to meet its enrollment targets for this program.

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

7. **Brooklyn College – Establishment of the Department of Finance.** Dr. Wrigley stated that in order to more clearly focus the research interests and curriculum in Brooklyn College's School of Business, the finance component of the Department of Finance and Business Management will become a freestanding department.

In response to a question from Trustee Charles Shorter, President Karen Gould stated that the courses in the finance curriculum already exist in the Department of Finance and Business Management. Brooklyn College is creating a fourth department in the School of Business because it already has accounting, economics, and finance in Business Management, where the specialization in finance will be more clearly honed. The College will be hiring two additional professors in finance this year, an assistant professor and a new endowed chair since the College has received a $1.5 million fund for an endowed chair in finance, which will give the department six faculty members in finance. In addition, the College will now have, beginning this semester, the Martin D. Sass Investment Academy with a million dollar endowment for students in the School of Business to learn about investing but that will be directly connected to the Department of Finance.

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

8. **City College – Resolution to Award an Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 29, 2015.**

1) Ursula Burns Doctor of Humane Letters
2) John Michael O’Keefe Doctor of Science
3) John Legend Doctor of Fine Arts

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

9. **Lehman College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Degrees at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 28, 2015.**

1) Tonio Burgos Doctor of Laws
2) Micki Grant Doctor of Fine Arts
3) Jamie Lucero Doctor of Commercial Science
Following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board.

10. The City University of New York – Resolution to Amend the Research Misconduct Policy. Dr. Wrigley stated that the Board of Trustees adopted the Research Misconduct Policy in 2007. Because of changes in federal regulations and experience under the policy, it is necessary and advisable to make amendments to the existing policy, especially with a view to streamlining the process for dealing with allegations of research misconduct. These amendments were developed by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and the Office of General Counsel, and in consultation with the University Faculty Senate and with numerous other parties at CUNY.

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 these new programs at CUNY are very excellent additions to its curriculum. Several of them included adding a whole other level, and two masters programs were also extended to the undergraduate level. The University also had a very wide array of different types of notable people being nominated for honorary degrees and that was very impressive as well. They are major contributors in a wide range of fields. It was also very important to get the Research Misconduct Policy amended which is also a significant change for CUNY’s ability to do research on the highest level.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.