The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

There were present:

Committee Members:
Hon. Wellington Z. Chen, Chair
Hon. Hugo M. Morales, Vice Chair
Hon. Rita DiMartino
Hon. Jill O’Donnell-Tormey
Hon. Charles A. Shorter
Prof. Philip Pecorino, faculty alternate
Ms. Chikaodila Onyejiuka, student member
President Russell K. Hotzler, COP liaison

University Staff:
Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Vita Rabinowitz
Vice Chancellor Gillian Small
Deputy General Counsel Jane Sovern

Trustee Staff:
Deputy to the Secretary Hourig Messerlian
Ms. Doris Wang

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 2, 2015. The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. POLICY CALENDAR

1. Lehman College – DNP in Nursing Practice. Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Vita Rabinowitz stated that the delivery of primary medical care in the United States is in the midst of nothing short of a revolution. Nurse practitioners are becoming the front line managers in the delivery of basic health care in many communities, particularly in those experiencing a shortage of medical doctors. Lehman College is proud to respond to the need for qualified professionals, and CUNY is thrilled to have them join Hunter College and the College of Staten Island in this effort. This proposal marks the launch of Lehman College’s first doctoral program that is much needed in the Bronx, and for that reason the College is also requesting a master plan amendment from the New York State Education Department.

   In response to a question from Trustee Charles Shorter, Dr. Vita Rabinowitz stated that whenever a college launches a new degree level, it necessitates a master plan amendment.

   In response to a question from Committee Vice Chair Hugo Morales, Dr. Rabinowitz stated that this program only relates to nursing in medical practice, and not to the field of psychiatry.

   Committee Chair Morales stated that he is concerned about the lack of Hispanic psychiatry services, especially in the Bronx.
President Ricardo Fernández stated that this is a significant program for Lehman College. He added that he fully supports Committee Vice Chair Morales’ comment in regards to the dire need for people who can serve this community that is very much underserved, and the College will do everything it can to meet that need.

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

2. **Hunter College – MS in Geoinformatics.** Dr. Vita Rabinowitz stated that Geoinformatics is a field of study that lies at the intersection of Geographic Information Science and Computer Science. Hunter College is capitalizing on its long-standing strengths in geography and computer science to deliver a program that will meet the demand for experts in computational methods for spatial-temporal analysis and big data analytics. In addition, Hunter College has CUNY’s only department of geography.

In response to a question from Trustee Shorter, Hunter College Provost Lon Kaufman stated that all of the necessary resources to initiate this program are in place. In fact, the College is proposing another hiring in the fourth year to accommodate the presumed growth in the program.

In response to a question from Committee Vice Chair Morales, Hunter College Provost Kaufman stated that this program is in high demand. Currently, twenty-seven students have started to take courses—there are no students in the program—and they reflect Hunter College’s mix, no racial or ethnic majority and so forth. He added that he would provide Committee Vice Chair Morales with program specifics relating to student ethnicity as it becomes available.

Prof. Philip Pecorino stated that as per Trustee Shorter’s question, and a review of the documents, he believes that the estimates are reasonable in regards to the requisite resources.

Dr. Rabinowitz added that not only does the University take into account faculty, it also take into account facilities and library resources, and as Prof. Pecorino stated, CUNY requires enrollment projections that are realistic, and expects resources to grow with enrollments all the time.

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

3. **SPS – MA in Youth Studies.** Dr. Rabinowitz stated that this program will respond to a need for professionals working with young people in positions that do not require teacher certification or other forms of licensing, and are both within and outside of the school system. This master’s degree will increase career options and advancement for individuals interested in careers such as adolescent psychological and sexual development, group dynamics, and youth with disabilities. Undergraduate programs, particularly at Brooklyn and York Colleges, will serve as feeder programs to this program, which is the first of its kind in New York City.

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

5. **SPS – MS in Nursing Education**
   - BS to MS in Nursing Education
   - Adv Ctf in Nursing Education
   - MS in Nursing Informatics
   - BS to MS in Nursing Informatics
   - Adv Ctf in Nursing Informatics
MS in Nursing Organizational Leadership  
BS to MS in Nursing Organizational Leadership  
Adv Ctf in Nursing Organizational Leadership

Dr. Rabinowitz stated that this is a suite of programs, in response to a critical need for registered nurses with more advanced credentials to be able to assume new leadership roles in healthcare and in higher education. The School of Professional Studies (SPS) is proposing a suite of offerings in nursing informatics, organizational leadership, and nursing education. Some of these programs will respond to the needs of nurses already holding a bachelor’s degree, and others will provide an expedited route through both an undergraduate and graduate degree for those currently holding an associate’s degree.

In response to a question from Committee Vice Chair Morales, SPS Nursing Academic Director Margaret Reilly stated that nursing informatics is a growing field relating health technology to healthcare. It is primarily focused on the HITECH Act (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act) which was implemented in 2004 to promote technology in healthcare, electronic health records, data management, and to have the intersection between the data analysts and nursing connected to healthcare. She added that SPS is proposing an online nursing informatics degree to help meet this need throughout healthcare institutions in the city. There are currently no nursing informatics master's degree programs within CUNY.

In response to another question from Committee Vice Chair Morales, SPS Nursing Academic Director Reilly stated that students will work with not only healthcare providers, but also staff and patients, in a real integration of getting information from the patient into a usable format so that SPS can track and trend data to make predictions about healthcare needs, and then make policy decisions related to those trends.

Prof. Pecorino stated that these programs brought forth by SPS represent a fulfillment of its mission. It was created in order to respond to CUNY’s social needs in terms of different occupational programs, and doing so in a timely fashion; SPS has managed to develop mechanisms by relying on its experienced faculty. He added that he supports this suite of programs.

Dr. Rabinowitz stated that this month SPS was ranked number 11 in the country in the delivery of online programs—tied with such powerhouses as Arizona State and Penn State—and its nursing faculty is outstanding.

Prof. Pecorino added that CUNY faculty are distinguished because they truly appreciate what the students are going through and what they need in order to succeed. Student support services at SPS enables the School and the program to be as successful as it is and be recognized for it.

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

6. Baruch College – DPS in Executive Business Doctorate. Dr. Rabinowitz stated that Baruch College is proposing a Doctor of Professional Studies and Executive Doctorate in Business. The Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College has been providing graduate education at both the master’s and doctoral levels for over 40 years. The College now seeks to provide doctoral level education to seasoned executives looking to acquire the theories and skill sets needed to examine complex organizational issues and problems using applied research methods. The program will be delivered in an executive format using a cohort model. The College has a sufficient number of faculty members with broad expertise to deliver the program.
Prof. Pecorino stated that this is a well thought out cohort model. If the program succeeds, it may well become a model for some of CUNY’s other graduate programs.

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

7. John Jay College – BS in Toxicology. Dr. Rabinowitz stated that as part of an ambitious strategic plan, John Jay College is expanding its offerings in the sciences. The proposed BS in Toxicology will provide students with a strong foundation in the general sciences as well as a wide range of advanced courses in toxicology from the sciences, forensics, and public health perspectives. Graduates of the program will be prepared for both entry-level positions in toxicology and public health as well as for graduate study in those fields.

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

8. John Jay College – MA in Economics. Dr. Rabinowitz stated that the Master of Arts degree in Economics at John Jay College will be an applied graduate program providing students with comprehensive and foundational knowledge required for either the work place or the pursuit of higher degrees. The program will have a curricular focus on economic justice and will provide students with a firm grasp of theories, skills, and tools used by practitioners to apply these to economic analysis.

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

4. City College – MS in Computer Engineering. Dr. Rabinowitz stated that City College has a successful undergraduate degree program in computer engineering, and their students have expressed a strong desire to continue their studies at City College at the graduate level. In addition, there is great demand in the tri-state area in fields such as telecommunications, computing devices, cloud computing, and medicine for experts in the combined application of hardware and software. This program will strengthen the existing suite of graduate programs in biomedical, chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical engineering at City College.

In response to a question from Trustee Shorter, City College Provost Maurizio Trevisan stated that the initial projected number of students for this program is ten.

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

9. City College – Resolution to Award Honorary Degrees at the College’s commencement ceremony on June 3, 2016.

a) Dr. Robert E. Kahn  
Doctor of Science

b) Dr. Harold A. Scheraga  
Doctor of Science

Dr. Rabinowitz stated that City College seeks to award the Honorary Doctor of Science degree to computer scientist and engineer Robert E. Kahn, Grove School of Engineering, class of 1960. Dr. Kahn is an information revolutionary as he co-invented the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), and the Internet Protocol (IP)—the fundamental communication protocols at the heart of the internet. He conceived the idea of open architecture networking. Dr. Kahn is chairman, CEO and president of the Corporation for National Research Initiatives (CNRI), which he founded after spending 13 years at the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). City College also seeks to award the Honorary Doctor of Science degree to Harold A. Scheraga, class of 1941, a macromolecular physical chemist. At age 94, he still runs an active lab at Cornell
University to carry on his lifelong interest in applying the principles of chemistry and physics to the study of proteins. A grantee of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) for more than half a century, Prof. Scheraga is a seminal figure in 20th century C-change in its understanding of the nature of the protein molecule.

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

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Report by Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Vita Rabinowitz

Dr. Rabinowitz stated that she has no new information items to report to the Committee at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.