The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
Chairperson Benno Schmidt, Chair  
Hon. Valerie Lancaster Beal  
Hon. Wellington Z. Chen  
Hon. Freida D. Foster  
Hon. Joseph J. Lhota  
Hon. Carol A. Robles-Roman

**University Staff:**
Chancellor James B. Milliken  
Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley  
Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer Allan H. Dobrin

**Trustee Observers:**
Hon. Terrence Martell  
Hon. Muhammad W. Arshad

**Observers:**
President Ricardo R. Fernandez  
President Jennifer Raab  
President Jeremy Travis

**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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Chairperson Schmidt stated that he would like to thank his fellow Trustees for taking the time from their busy schedules to attend this special meeting as the Committee will be considering items of a time sensitive nature.

The agenda items were considered and acted upon in the following order:

I. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 22, 2014.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE - HONORARY DEGREE FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR:**

Chancellor James Milliken stated that the first item for approval is a request from President Jeremy Travis of John Jay College to award an Honorary Degree to Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor at John Jay College’s Convocation ceremony on September 17, 2014. The College’s Committee on Honorary Degrees has endorsed, and the Faculty Senate has approved this candidate. Chancellor Milliken added that he is fully supportive as it is fitting that such an outstanding jurist receives an honorary degree on the
President Jerome Travis stated that he would like to thank Chancellor Milliken, Chairperson Benno Schmidt and members of the Board. He added that it is his distinct honor and privilege to bring to this Committee for its consideration a proposed resolution to award an honorary doctorate to Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who has graciously agreed to kick off John Jay College's 50th Anniversary celebration, which is named after the first chief justice then the associate justice, at its convocation. She is the first Latina on the Supreme Court, who has also done work in the criminal justice system of New York City through her service in the Manhattan District Attorney's office, her service on the District Court of the Southern District and on the Second Circuit of United States' Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Associate Justice Sotomayor has a distinguished record and her life story is an inspiration to all.

RESOLVED, That John Jay College of Criminal Justice awards Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, at the College's annual Convocation on September 17, 2014.

EXPLANATION: Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor spent eleven years as a judge for the Second Circuit of New York and six years as a trial judge. During her appointment in these positions she handed down decisions on a broad range of legal and constitutional questions that earned her the respect of colleagues on the bench and admiration of many lawyers who argued cases in her court. Associate Justice Sotomayor's rigorous intellect and recognition of the limits of the judicial role are a few distinct qualities that led President Obama to select her to replace Associate Justice Souter on the Supreme Court. Over a distinguished career that spans three decades, Associate Justice Sotomayor has worked at almost every level of our judicial system, providing her with a depth of experience and a breadth of perspective that is invaluable as a Supreme Court justice.

Chairperson Schmidt noted that Associate Justice Sotomayor's mother graduated from Hostos Community College and her brother who is a practicing doctor is a graduate of the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education at City College.

Following discussion, this item was unanimously approved.

2. **HUNTER COLLEGE - HONORARY DEGREE FOR DR. JONATHAN FANTON:**

Chancellor Milliken stated that this honorary degree approval for the Committee’s consideration is a request from President Jennifer Raab to award an Honorary Degree to Dr. Jonathan Fanton, President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, at an Honorary Reception during the fall of 2014. Dr. Fanton previously served as the inaugural Franklin Delano Roosevelt Visiting Fellow at Roosevelt House at Hunter College, where he engaged leading international figures with Roosevelt House and worked to promote faculty engagement with its programs, among other significant contributions. He also was president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the New School. He added that he is pleased to bring this resolution to the Board for approval.

President Jennifer Raab stated that Dr. Fanton is fully a CUNY person having spent almost five years at Hunter College. He is one of the distinguished public intellectuals and leaders in this country, having an extraordinary record in New York City at the New School with not only moving a school, but really showing how someone can engage an urban school with the community, creating some of their early business improvement districts having had an impact. He went on to quite an incredible run at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation where he established a real focus in digital work in education and a number of priorities. One of his great passions in life has always been human rights and he is a leader in the Human Rights Watch (HRW) and a number of smaller human rights institutions. The College was lucky to have him come for sabbatical when he left the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the sabbatical turned into an over five year leadership role where he launched the
Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute. It is his love and his passion for human rights and public policy that helped the College create both certificate programs, the wonderful public program that so many enjoy as well as a real engagement with the faculty to increase the research and the productivity of the social science faculty across the schools and disciplines. As Dr. Fanton was recently appointed to be the President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Hunter College thought it would be fitting to award him an honorary degree.

RESOLVED, That Hunter College awards Dr. Jonathan Fanton the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, at an Honorary Reception during fall 2014.

EXPLANATION: Dr. Jonathan Fanton, the President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, previously served as the inaugural Franklin Delano Roosevelt Visiting Fellow at Roosevelt House at Hunter College. Dr. Fanton served as the President of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation from 1999 to 2009 and was the President of the New School for Social Research for 17 years. At Yale University, Dr. Fanton earned a baccalaureate degree in 1965, a master’s in philosophy in 1977, and a doctorate in American History in 1978. Dr. Fanton is the author of *The University and Civil Society, Volumes I and II*. He is also co-editor of *John Brown: Great Lives Observed* and *The Manhattan Project: A Documentary Introduction to the Atomic Age*.

Chairperson Schmidt noted that Dr. Fanton as a younger man, was Executive Assistant to former President Kingman Brewster, Jr. of Yale University.

Following discussion, this item was unanimously approved.

3. LEHMAN COLLEGE - NAMING OF THE JAIME LUCERO MEXICAN STUDIES INSTITUTE:

Chancellor Milliken stated that in recognition of Mr. Lucero’s significant contribution to the welfare of the Mexican community and also to the Lehman College Foundation in support of the institute, it is his recommendation as well as President Ricardo Fernandez and the Board that The City University of New York Mexican Studies Institute at Lehman College be named the Jaime Lucero Mexican Studies Institute. The naming of this Institute for him would not only recognize his support but also his example. Mr. Lucero is a Mexican immigrant who has worked successfully to build businesses in the United States and Mexico while maintaining his commitment to the community. He also founded *Casa Pueblo New York*, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Mexican community and promoting Mexican culture and traditions. CUNY is excited to partner with Mr. Lucero, whose motto is “economic and political empowerment through education,” which is very similar to the goals at the Institute.

President Ricardo R. Fernandez stated that he would like to thank Chancellor Milliken. In early 2012, this Board approved the establishment of the CUNY-wide Institute based at Lehman College. It is the first such Institute on the east coast of the United States of any university or college. The Institute came about as a result of a decade of work involving administrators from CUNY faculty, staff and students, and a number of community organizations including *Casa Pueblo New York*. He announced that he would like to acknowledge Senior Vice Chancellor and Secretary Jay Hershenson who was a conspirator for a long time in this enterprise, as well as a number of CUNY Becas Scholarship recipients, who had a significant role in the Institute, furthermore Prof. Alyshia Galvez, Lehman College’s Department of Latin American, Latina and Puerto Rican Studies, Dr. Daniel Fernandez, Interim Director of the Institute, Mr. Mario DellaPina, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Mr. Jose Magdaleno, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Director Jesus Perez from Brooklyn College who has been involved in making all this happen. He added that he would especially like to thank Mr. Lucero for this wonderful gift that will allow the Institute to grow and to continue the work not only with the Mexican community in the city and in the state, but also with Mexico. Lehman College is looking to expand those ties and to involve the University in many other activities over the course of the following years.
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Jaime Lucero Mexican Studies Institute,” located on the campus of Herbert H. Lehman College in the Bronx.

EXPLANATION: Jaime Lucero, an immigrant from Puebla, Mexico has worked successfully to build businesses in the United States and Mexico while maintaining his commitment to the community. Mr. Lucero has been instrumental in working closely with CUNY on educational outreach programs, assisting in the establishment of the CUNY Mexican Studies Institute and funding scholarships for CUNY students. Based at Lehman College, the Institute works to boost enrollment of Mexican and Mexican-American students, foster research with and about Mexico and Mexicans in the United States, and collaborate with community-based organizations to support and empower the Mexican immigrant community. Mr. Lucero has pledged a gift to the Lehman College Foundation to establish an endowment and assist the Institute in its educational goals.

Following discussion, this item was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.