The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Freida D. Foster, Chair
- Hon. Wellington Z. Chen
- Hon. Charles A. Shorter
- Prof. Jay Weiser, faculty member
- Mr. Donavan Borington, student member
- President Gail O. Mellow, COP Liaison

**University Staff:**
- Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer Allan H. Dobrin
- Vice Chancellor Judith E. Bergtraum
- Vice Chancellor Brian Cohen
- Senior University Dean/Special Counsel to the Chancellor Dave Fields

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

**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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2015.** The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **The City University of New York – Five Year Capital Budget Request, FY 2016-17 through FY 2020-21.** Vice Chancellor Judith Bergtraum stated that every year the University is required to submit a five-year capital plan to the State Division of the Budget and the City Office of Management and Budget. As in previous plans, the FY 2016-2017 through 2020-2021 request focuses on completion of existing projects and critical health, safety, code compliance and rehabilitation projects, while recognizing the need for expansion and modernization of facilities as called for in campus master plans.

   ***PRESENTATION BY VICE CHANCELLOR JUDITH BERGTRAUM ON THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK FY 2016-17 THROUGH FY 2020-21 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST***

   In response to a question from Vice Chairperson Philip Berry, Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that The City College of New York Center for Discovery and Innovation is already completed, and opened January 2015.

   Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer (EVC&COO) Allan Dobrin noted that since the Brooklyn College’s Feinstein Graduate School of Cinema tuition is much less than other great studios, more students will have an opportunity to attend.
In response to a question from Trustee Charles Shorter, EVC&COO Dobrin stated that degree-seeking students will have the opportunity and skill to work in the film industry but not as producers.

Prof. Jay Weiser noted that at this point, the Baruch College building at 17 Lexington Avenue is not functional due to the six existing elevators which are past their useful life.

In response to a question from Prof. Weiser, Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that $700 million has been spent on critical maintenance since 2007.

In response to a question from Trustee Shorter, Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that after the Board approves this resolution on November 23rd, the Office of Facilities Planning and Management will produce a booklet for the Five Year Capital Budget Request for FY 2016-17 through FY 2020-21.

In response to a question from Prof. Weiser, Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that the equipment for these projects are purchased with capital funds, and are included in this budget.

In response to a question from Committee Chair Freida Foster, Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that CUNY could take up to seven to eight years to accumulate enough funds for these projects.

In response to another question from Committee Chair Foster, Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that a collaborative process is used to prioritize these projects. However, deferred maintenance is the University’s number one priority. She added that cost estimates are done for new projects so that each college president/dean is in agreement before it comes to this Committee for approval.

In response to a question from Prof. Weiser, Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that bonds are issued as cash is needed for each project, and that is done through the Dormitory Authority of New York.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.