The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Jeffrey S. Wiesenfeld, Vice Chair
- Hon. Wellington Z. Chen
- Hon. Rita DiMartino
- Hon. Charles Shorter
- Prof. Michael Barnhart, faculty member
- Hon. Cory Provost, student member

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

**Trustee Staff:**
- Deputy to the Secretary Hourig Messerlian
- Ms. Towanda Lewis

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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 JANUARY 31, 2011.** The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **Brooklyn College – Gift from the Brooklyn College Foundation.**

   Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall stated that this resolution would authorize the acceptance of this gift from the Brooklyn College Foundation for costs related to the construction of a new performing arts center. The Foundation proposes to donate $10.8 million toward the construction of a new performing arts center at Brooklyn College. The groundbreaking for this new center was a few weeks ago.

   Vice Chancellor Weinshall noted that this new performing arts center will expand the existing performing arts programs at the college and will provide a new state of the art facility that is expected to include a theater, set design, workshops, classroom, rehearsal space and offices. The total project cost for this new performing arts center will be approximately $85 million and this gift of $10.8 million as one can imagine is a very important fiscal ingredient of getting this project done.

2. **The Borough of Manhattan Community College – Building-wide HVAC and Controls Project (PlaNYC).**

   Vice Chancellor Weinshall noted that the HVAC system at the main campus, which is 199 Chambers Street, was constructed in the 80’s and has never been upgraded. This resolution will authorize the project to upgrade all of the campus’ HVAC system and replace aging equipment. With this project it is expected that energy costs at the campus
will be reduced in the order of $1 million annually and this will greatly improve the learning environment for the students and the faculty. This project is part of the Mayor's PlaNYC program and CUNY is very enthused to be part of this program along with the Mayor.


Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that this is a new fifteen year lease on behalf of CUNY's School of Professional Studies. The CUNY School of Professional Studies has been operating out of several facilities throughout the five boroughs and in particular they are scattered throughout Manhattan as well. This new space will provide one centrally located facility without adequate space for the school's academic and administrative needs.

4. The City University of New York – New Lease at 137 East 25th St., New York, NY.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that since 2001 CUNY has leased four floors of office space at this location on behalf of Baruch College. This coming fall the college is expected to relocate these functions from 137 East 25th Street to a new leased facility at 104 East 25th Street. The University will retain one floor of this building for a new public policy research group that is under consideration.

5. The City University of New York – Sale of Apartment at 135 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall noted that this apartment was originally acquired by the Research Foundation on behalf of CUNY to serve as the residence of the president of Medgar Evers College. It is no longer being used for that purpose and was put up for sale by the Research Foundation on behalf of the University. This resolution will authorize the acceptance of the highest offer, which has been $925,000 and the execution of the contract of sale and related documents.

6. The City University of New York – Lease Extension at 620 Isham Street for “CUNY-in-the-Heights”.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall noted that CUNY-in-the-Heights programs are currently housed in the Washington Heights area of Manhattan under a short term lease that is set to expire at the end of the month. This resolution will authorize the extension of this lease by an additional six months through 2011. The University has found new space for this program, but the lease negotiations are not completed yet.

7. Hunter College – Construction Funding by the Hunter College Foundation.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that this resolution would authorize the City University Construction Fund (CUCF) to accept funds from the Hunter College Foundation for costs related to the renovation of the Wexler Library on the third floor. The Hunter College Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation. The foundation proposes to provide all of the funds necessary to cover all the costs of construction and construction related services for the renovation of this library. The CUCF on behalf of the University and the college agrees to reconstruct the third floor of the Wexler library using only grants from the foundation to pay for construction and construction related costs.
8. Hunter College – Weill Cornell Agreement

Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that this resolution authorizes a non-binding Letter of Intent between the University, the CUCF and Cornell University for the acquisition, development and construction of a commercial condominium at 413 East 69th Street in Manhattan to serve as space for Hunter College's medical research programs (MRB). Cornell University is constructing a new medical research building at 413 East 69th Street. The University proposes to acquire a commercial condominium unit comprising the fourth floor of the MRB and develop, construct, fit out, equip and furnish it for use by the Hunter College Medical Research programs.

In response to a question from Trustee Charles Shorter, Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that the floor space, one of fifteen floors, is approximately 24,000 square feet—a large footprint and adequate space for a number of researchers to use this new state of the art facility. There will also be a development agreement, so there are options. The University will be able to seek expansions based on the building, if it is able to have the funds to do it. The total cost is about $65 million and this is comparable to the costs that CUNY is incurring to build the ASRC complex.

Following discussion, items I.B.1 through I.B.8 were unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

II. INFORMATION ITEM:

Vice Chancellor Weinshall stated that in the state budget that was enacted about a month ago, although these are tough fiscal times for the state and for CUNY, the state has followed through with their commitment on critical maintenance. The University has received the next tranche of appropriations for its critical maintenance program, $284 million for the senior colleges and $31 million for the community colleges, and this was to match funds that had been appropriated by the city budget last year. As for the city budget, those negotiations are still going on and it is hoped that CUNY's capital budget will stand at what the plan calls for, which is about $326 million. There are a number of very large projects going on at our community college campuses: Fiterman Hall, the new North Instructional building at Bronx Community College.

Vice Chancellor Weinshall noted that on the community colleges, in the process of doing the city budget some funds from the borough presidents were cut out of the budget, but that money was put back in. So there is no loss to the community colleges in terms of the commitments that the borough presidents made. The University will keep a very keen eye in the next couple of weeks on what is happening with the city budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.