The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
Hon. Valerie L. Beal, Chair
Hon. Rita DiMartino, Vice Chair
Prof. Emily Tai, faculty alternate
President Marcia V. Keizs, COP liaison

**University Staff:**
Chancellor Matthew Goldstein
Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer Allan H. Dobrin
Vice Chancellor Gloriana Waters

**Ex-officio:**
Vice Chairperson Philip A. Berry

**Trustee Observers:**
Hon. Terrence F. Martell
Hon. Kafui K. Kouakou

**Trustee Staff:**
Senior Vice Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Jay Hershenson
Senior Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Frederick P. Schaffer
Deputy to the Secretary Hourig Messerlian
Mr. Steven Quinn
Ms. Towanda Lewis

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**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 SEPTEMBER 5, 2012.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. Revisions to The City University of New York’s Policies on Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination, and Against Sexual Harassment. Senior Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Frederick P. Schaffer stated that this resolution represents the coalescence of two initiatives. About six months ago the University was working on a provision that would amend the policy related to intimate relationships between faculty and students or between supervisors and their supervisees. The previous policy had strongly discouraged such relationships. The proposed revision to the policy would prohibit them except with the very narrow exception in the case of supervisors and supervisees. At the same time, the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of Human Resources Management had been working together on a revision to the policies relating to discrimination and sexual harassment. CUNY had several different policies, and the goal was to bring them together into a single, comprehensive, and short policy. The amendment to the provisions relating to intimate relations was held up to let the rewording and reworking of the general policies go forward.
The proposed draft of a policy accomplishes the goals of being shorter and easier to follow, and, at the same time, incorporates the changes relating to intimate relations.

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

2. Naming of The Robert and Jacqueline Willens Choral Room at Queens College. President James P. Muyskens asked for the committee’s approval of The Robert and Jacqueline Willens Choral Room in honor of a gift of $260,000 that they have given and pledged for scholarships. The scholarships will be for people either at the Division of Education, where Jacqueline Willens earned her degree, or in Accounting and Economics, where she made her livelihood. She is now a member of the Queens College Foundation and the College is delighted that she has made this commitment.

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

C. CHANCELLOR’S UNIVERSITY REPORT

1. Appointment of Praveen Panchal as Vice President of Information Technology and Administrative Computing at The City College of New York. President Lisa S. Coico gave a brief presentation on this item. Following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board.

2. Appointment of Ronald C. Thomas as Vice President for Administration and Finance/Chief Operating Officer at York College. President Marcia V. Keizs gave a brief presentation on this item. Following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A-C. Appointment with Immediate Tenure pursuant to §6.2.b. of the Bylaws.

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III. REPORT OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Given the proposed strengthened CUNY anti-discrimination and sexual harassment policy, I will provide the committee with a progress report addressing these issues.
The University has been consumed with attending to the students, faculty, and staff affected by Hurricane Sandy; over a thousand faculty and staff were identified as living in Zone A, and were potential evacuees. The CUNY community has lost at least four students. Chancellor Matthew Goldstein has established a council to coordinate relief efforts within CUNY. I am honored to co-chair this committee with Vice Chancellor Frank Sanchez. The Office of the General Counsel will be working to provide services to those who need it in the CUNY community.

In response to a question from Vice Chairperson Philip A. Berry, Chancellor Goldstein stated that CUNY lost a graduate student from Brooklyn College’s master’s program in Fine Arts; and a student in English at Hunter College who was walking with him. CUNY also lost a young woman from Lehman College who touched a hot line and was electrocuted. She had recently transferred to LaGuardia Community College. Another student from the College of Staten Island was lost as he was in the basement with his father, embracing, and was found in that position by rescue workers. I am sure countless numbers of students and staff have been left in very serious states from homelessness to other assaults on their day-to-day living. CUNY is moving aggressively with the Deans of Students on each campus to identify those people, both students and staff, so that assistance is provided to them quickly at all levels.

Chancellor Goldstein stated that he talked to the Council of Presidents this morning and spent several hours with FEMA on Saturday, touring the Rockaway Peninsula. He noted that he had never seen such devastation in his life. No heat, no electricity, houses and cars ruined, no ability to get replacement vehicles because there are none to be leased, and no gasoline. It is really remarkable how this storm devasted communities starting at the southwestern tip of the borough of Rockaway, at Breezy Point, right through Bell Harbor and Rockaway Beach into Far Rockaway. None here have ever experienced this kind of devastation and suffering. The University has limited resources and limited abilities. Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer Allan H. Dobrin, who was our key person throughout this disaster, really did yeoman work, and the University owes his staff a debt of gratitude. I was on a conference call yesterday with many of the vice presidents, thanking them for their tireless work. Many of them have not slept now for several days, just to ensure that their campuses are brought up to speed; and, on top of that, CUNY has had many evacuees housed at York College, Hunter College, Baruch College, John Jay College, and Queens College. A great urban university like CUNY has many strengths and moral obligations. I want to thank Allan for coordinating this with all the vice presidents. It should make everyone proud to see how effectively CUNY has worked as an integrated university.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer Dobrin stated that Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer Brian Cohen worked over the weekend mapping with CARSI at Hunter College. The addresses of CUNY citizens were compared to addresses in Zone A: nearly 9,000 CUNY citizens were in Zone A, and it looks like the University has 1,168 people who are affected, and whose chances of having had real problems, including flooding and loss of power are very high. The University will be reaching out to them. CUNY had well over 2,000 people from the flood zones staying at its college shelters over the last week, and it still has 1,700 people as of this date.

Committee Chair Valerie L. Beal congratulated the chancellery, noting that it is just representative of why we all enjoy serving this University.

In response to a question from Committee Chair Valerie Beal, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer Dobrin stated that Kingsborough Community College and Borough of Manhattan Community College have been affected in a lot of ways by Hurricane Sandy. There
were six campuses that lost power. There are three campuses that had physical damage, and ten campuses that are still operating shelters. There were many different ways that CUNY campuses were affected. There were very few campuses that were spared.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.