The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jill O'Donnell-Tormey at 4:02 p.m.

The following people were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Jill O'Donnell-Tormey, Chair
- Hon. Fernando Ferrer, Vice Chair
- Hon. Henry T. Berger
- Hon. Charles A. Shorter
- Prof. Martin Burke, faculty member
- Mr. Fernando Araujo, student member
- President Russell K. Hotzler, COP Liaison

**University Staff:**
- Chancellor James B. Milliken (joined @ 4:14 p.m.)
- Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Vita Rabinowitz
- Deputy General Counsel Jane Sovern (joined @ 4:09 p.m.)

**Trustee Observer:**
- Hon. Kay Conway

**Trustee Staff:**
- Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Gayle M. Horwitz
- Assistant Secretary Towanda Lewis
- Ms. Adalina Quinones

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

**I. ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2017.** Moved by Faculty Member Martin Burke and seconded by Student Member Fernando Araujo, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**B. POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **Borough of Manhattan Community College - AS in Financial Management.** Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost (EVC&UP) Vita Rabinowitz explained that the transfer degree program is an opportunity for students to earn a business-related bachelor's degree at one of CUNY's senior colleges, and the program requires foundational courses in finance and law that are part of most bachelor's degrees in business. It will be similar to the existing AAS in Financial Management, but with more liberal arts courses appropriate for transfer. An articulation agreement has been signed with City College, and other articulation agreements will be pursued with other four-year programs.

   Moved by Committee Vice Chair Fernando Ferrer and seconded by Trustee Henry Berger, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

2. **Borough of Manhattan Community College - AS in Digital Marketing.** EVC&UP Rabinowitz stated that with input from the American Association of Advertising Agencies, this proposed program was designed to both serve as a transfer degree as well as lead to direct employment. The program's curriculum combines web design with foundational courses in consumer behavior in the digital age. An articulation agreement has been signed with City College, and others will be pursued.
Moved by Trustee Berger and seconded by Trustee Charles Shorter, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

3. **Bronx Community College – AAS in Cybersecurity and Networking.** EVC&UP Rabinowitz stated that this is an innovative program, wherein students will have the option of beginning in non-credit certification courses which will be converted into credit-bearing courses in highly technical subject areas, such as program and network security. There is significant growth projected for this employment sector over the next five years. The college is also requesting registration of a cybersecurity and networking certificate that will allow students to earn a credential en route to a degree.

President Thomas Isekenegbe gave a brief overview of the proposed program, noting the partnership Bronx Community College (BCC) has with Per Scholas, a non-for-profit organization in the Bronx. He added that the Capital One Foundation will continue funding the program for the next five years if successful.

BCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Alexander Ott explained that resources in terms of facilities equipment and faculty are two main costs. He noted that the college has multiple funding sources in regards to equipment, including some existing equipment on campus. He also stated that as the program ramps up in terms of faculty hiring, the college will use existing faculty and several adjuncts who have experience in the field, noting the college will use existing resources within the college to kick off the proposed program in fall of 2018. He added that the college is planning to do an experimental course with the first course in the program this coming spring.

BCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Ott further discussed the unique orientation of the program, stating that there is no similar program in CUNY. He noted that there are programs outside of CUNY, such as Mercy College, in terms of a four-year degree. He reiterated that the proposed AAS program has a cybersecurity and networking orientation.

BCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Ott concluded by stating BCC has no established legal and/or financial relationship with Per Scholas, noting only having a mutual working relationship that originated from a Petrie grant that Per Scholas received.

Moved by Committee Vice Chair Ferrer and seconded by Trustee Berger, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

4. **The Graduate School and University Center - Master of Science in Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences.** EVC&UP Rabinowitz stated that this program is proposed as an interdisciplinary course of study, drawing on advanced methodology courses from across the social sciences, located at The Graduate Center to develop a coherent MS program that offers systematic study of quantitative methods, advanced forms of data analysis, and cutting-edge techniques in the social sciences, making this cost-effective. Students will join current doctoral students in classes, thereby gaining knowledge that is valued in academia, the nonprofit world, government, and business.

Graduate School and University Center (GSUC) Interim Dean Julia Wrigley gave a brief overview of the proposed program, noting the program will improve the education of doctoral students as well as offer masters students valuable skills for the workplace.
Professor Martin Burke expressed concern about the potential overlap the program has with Queens College.

EVC&UP Rabinowitz highlighted that Hunter College also has a masters in applied social research. She further stated that GSUC also offers a greater breadth of quantitative courses than any of the individual colleges.

Trustee Shorter and University Faculty Senate Chair and Trustee Kay Conway shared a few thoughts about the fantastic program.

GSUC Interim Dean Wrigley concluded by stating students with this kind of program training will be able to attend Ph.D. programs.

Moved by Trustee Berger and seconded by Committee Vice Chair Ferrer, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

5. The Graduate School and University Center – Master of Science in Cognitive Neuroscience. EVC&UP Rabinowitz stated that in addition to coursework from The Graduate Center program in psychology, biology, speech, and computer science, students in this program will have the opportunity to conduct research in the laboratories of the many CUNY faculty affiliated with the cognitive neuroscience programs throughout the University. A unique feature of this program is that students will be able to gain direct employment in laboratories, in addition to applying to doctoral programs in cognitive neuroscience upon graduation.

GSUC Interim Dean Wrigley added that this is an interdisciplinary programs, noting GSUC is trying to find new angles of vision by drawing together interdisciplinary programs, recognizing that the senior colleges have a legitimate claim on the many masters programs they have developed over the years.

GSUC Professor Tony Ro then shared a few comments about the excellent opportunity the program will bring for students, noting with the Advanced Science Research Center and the neuroscience, as one of the core disciplines, GSUC has a lot of facilities and resources available. He then highlighted that majority of the courses will be at GSUC. He further stated that this program piggybacks on the CUNY neuroscience collaborative that GSUC has been working on, which is a consortium between biology and psychology.

UFS Chair and Trustee Conway expressed concern about the proportion of current doctoral students that do not finish the program.

Moved by Trustee Berger and seconded by Student Member Araujo, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

6. Hunter College – Honorary Degree.
Mark Sinclair (Vin Diesel) – Actor, screenwriter
Doctor of Humane Letters

EVC&UP Rabinowitz stated that Hunter College proposes an honorary degree for Vin Diesel, born Mark Sinclair, who attended Hunter College and is widely known actor.

UFS Chair and Trustee Conway inquired about the nomination guidelines of the colleges to award honorary degrees.
Moved by Trustee Shorter and seconded by Committee Vice Chair Ferrer, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

7. The City University of New York – Revised Research Misconduct Policy. EVC&UP Rabinowitz stated that due to organizational changes as well as the need for further clarification of the current Research Misconduct Policy, amendments to the Policy were developed by the Office of Research and the Office of General Counsel and in consultation with the University Faculty Senate.

Committee Chair O'Donnell-Tormey gave her perspective of eliminating the research experience.

Associate University Provost Lada noted that the role of the Research Integrity Officer (RIO) is to guide the entire process and to ensure compliance with the policy. RIO consults with the Office of Research as well as consult with their president and provost, as well as receive consultation from academic experts in the discipline of the misconduct cases subject matter.

Prof. Burke inquired about procedural stages of a plagiarism investigation at the University.

Moved by Trustee Shorter and seconded by Trustee Berger, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

Upon motion duly made by Committee Chair O'Donnell-Tormey and seconded by Trustee Ferrer, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.