The meeting was called to order by Committee Vice Chair Fernando Ferrer at 5:10 p.m.

The following people were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Fernando Ferrer, Vice Chair
- Hon. Henry T. Berger
- Hon. Charles A. Shorter
- Prof. Martin Burke, faculty member
- Mr. Wali Ullah, student member
- President William J. Fritz, COP Liaison

**Ex-officio:**
- Hon. Barry F. Schwartz

**Trustee Staff:**
- Assistant Secretary Towanda Lewis
- Ms. Fenella Ramsami (joined @ 5:35 p.m.)
- Ms. Adalina Quinones

**University Staff:**
- Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Jane Bowers

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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 APRIL 16, 2018.** Moved by Trustee Henry Berger and seconded by Prof. Martin Burke, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

   B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

      1. College of Staten Island – Establishment of the Department of Engineering and Environmental Science and the Department of Physics and Astronomy and the Closing of the Department of Engineering Science and Physics. Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost (IEVC&UP) Jane Bowers stated that establishing two separate departments - Department of Engineering and Environmental Science and the Department of Physics and Astronomy will foster new academic initiatives; and encourage federal grants in support of research and academic programs.

         President William Fritz provided further background about the development of the departments.

         A discussion about the establishment of the new departments followed, including current enrollment and significant impacts.

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

      2. CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy - Change in Degree Award from DPH to PhD. IEVC&UP Bowers said the changes being proposed are a result of the new accreditation. The curriculum of the Doctor of Public Health (DPH) program, as it currently exists, was examined by the faculty of the School of Public Health over a two-year review process, and found that the program’s mission and curriculum are better aligned with the accrediting agency’s criteria for the PhD. The decision was also based on the assurance that there would be a minimal change in curriculum, and that students
unanimously agreed that a PhD was more valuable than a DPH.

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

3. Medgar Evers Colleges - Establishing New Start-Up New York Initiatives. IEVC&UP Bowers stated that Sologistics is a project management firm specializing in reengineering businesses for solar adoption, and LexSet.ai has developed a business-to-business application for use in the online consumer furniture and home supply industries. They will both provide Medgar Evers College with student mentors and internship opportunities, support the faculty with curriculum development and applied research opportunities as well as provide the College with potential full-time employment opportunities for graduates.

Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Jerald Posman provided further information about the initiative, including the college’s positive relationship with Start-Up New York and the criteria for choosing companies that will be working with the college.

A discussion about the initiative followed, including enrollment impact and firm selection.

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

4. Lehman College - MS in Human Performance and Fitness. IEVC&UP Bowers stated that Lehman College proposed to establish an MS in Human Performance and Fitness with the aim of equipping students with skills and competencies required to function efficiently in the exercise science, physical fitness and wellness, and/or community health education profession. Employment opportunities are in settings such as corporate and community fitness programs, health clubs, and similar fitness-related industries as well as teachers seeking permanent certification. The new program combines the studies of anatomy, kinesiology, physiology, nutrition and exercise, and will tap into a plentiful job market as well as prepare students for doctoral programs in areas related to exercise science.

A discussion about the proposed program followed. Lehman College is anticipating 85-90 students within the first 5 years of the program. The discussion also included employment opportunities for students, including strength coach, sports scientist, and fitness coach and wellness coordinators – all growing positions in the health sector.

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

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Brooklyn College - Center for Cancer Research. IEVC&UP Bowers stated that cancer research is already a core component of scholarly research at Brooklyn College. Many biology and chemistry faculty members work with graduate and undergraduate students on cancer-related projects with impressive results. Discoveries from their findings produce patents, models, new treatments, diagnostic tools, and prevention methods that may be used in clinical settings to benefit patients. By establishing this Center, Brooklyn College will be able to expand on its already impressive research record and partner with local hospitals and cancer centers. The College has already received pledges from donors in support of the Center.

A discussion about the Center followed, including questions about whether there would be a formal connection and research sharing agreement with CUNY’s medical school and
programs, strategic advantages, required facilities needed, developmental phases and procedures, cost projections, deficiency in CUNY processes relating to the Chancellor's University Report (CUR), naming rights, consulting fees and contractual services, source of funding, and centralization and coordination of the fully-formed plan.

Board members stressed the importance of synergy throughout the CUNY college system and modeling research throughout the colleges. Brooklyn College clarified that it would not initially coordinate with other CUNY colleges in less formal ways, in line with the proposed unit’s designation (as per the 1995 BOT definition) as a single-campus Center rather than a multi-campus Institute; eventually more venues for collaboration would be pursued.

Members expressed a desire to see greater details of a comprehensive coordination plan to share and collaborate research.

Concerns were raised about Brooklyn College’s ability to host such a program with limited and outdated lab space, however, the college has already been working on a much-needed plan to upgrade its science facilities with Vice Chancellor Judy Bergtraum.

Committee Vice Chair Ferrer requested that IEVC&UP Bowers provide clarification to the Committee relating to the processes of establishing a Center at CUNY before the next Board meeting, including the distinction between establishing a center in opposition to an institute.

- **Baruch College - Center for Trading and Financial Markets Research.** IEVC&UP Bowers stated that the activity of trading in financial markets is the execution of an investment decision. The Center will study the process, outcomes, and implications of alternatives in this execution and will support new program and course development based upon that research. The Center will provide course modules and materials which will allow Baruch College students to understand the importance, complexities and challenges of trading in financial markets. Baruch College will be in a lead or sponsor position for intercollegiate student competitions that emerge from these educational materials. There has also been a generous gift given to Baruch College to support the Center for the next several years.

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Christy gave a brief outline of the proposal, including the activities and scope of the Center.

Vice Chairperson Schwartz made a few comments, underscoring that Baruch College is able to be self-sustaining which will be a great benefit to the students.

Committee Vice Chair Schwartz inquired about tax-levy money.

Committee Vice Chair Ferrer moved to adjourned the meeting. The motion was seconded by Prof. Burke and the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.