The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jill O'Donnell-Tormey at 5:55 p.m.

The following people were present:

**Committee Members:**
Hon. Jill O'Donnell-Tormey, Chair
Hon. Charles A. Shorter, Vice Chair
Hon. Henry T. Berger

**Faculty Member:**
Prof. Martin Burke, faculty representative

**Student Member:**
Mr. Farbod Moghadam, student representative

**Ex-officio:**
Hon. William C. Thompson, Jr.
Hon. Barry F. Schwartz

**COP Liaison:**
President William J. Fritz

**Trustee Observer:**
Hon. Haris Khan (joined @ 5:57 p.m.)

**Observer:**
Prof. Philip Pecorino

**Trustee Staff:**
Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Gayle M. Horwitz
Ms. Teisha Mitchell
Ms. Fenella Ramsami

**University Staff:**
Interim Chancellor Vita C. Rabinowitz
Interim General Counsel and Senior Vice Chancellor Pamela S. Silverblatt

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

I. ACTION ITEMS:

B. POLICY CALENDAR

- 4. City College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to John Robert Lewis at the College's Commencement.
- 5. City College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Science to Edward S. Plotkin '53 at the College's Commencement.
- 6. Lehman College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Ivan G. Seidenberg '72 at the College's Commencement.
- 7. Lehman College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Dr. Mildred García (NYCCT '71, BAR '74) at the College's Commencement.
- 8. Lehman College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts to Whitfield Lovell at the College's Commencement.
- 9. Baruch College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Laws to Max Berger (CCNY '68) at the College's Commencement.
- 10. Baruch College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Letters to President Danilo Medina Sánchez at the College's Commencement.
- 11. Brooklyn College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Tarana Burke at the College's Commencement.
- 13. CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Science to Dr. David Nabarro at the School's Commencement.
- 14. CUNY Graduate School and University Center - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Luis Miranda, Jr. at the School's Commencement.
15. CUNY Graduate School and University Center - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Roxane Gay at the College's Commencement.
16. Macaulay Honors College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Aasif Hakim Mandviwala (Aasif Mandvi) at the College's Commencement.
17. The College of Staten Island - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Jane Kurtin at the College's Commencement.
18. Queens College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Dina Perry '87, '71 at the College's Commencement.
19. Queens College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Reri Grist '54 at the College's Commencement.
20. Queens College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Dr. Miriam Rafailovich (BC '75) at the College's Commencement.
21. The City University of New York - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Matthew Higgins '98 at Queens College's Commencement.
22. John Jay College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Laws to the Honorable Loretta Lynch at the College's Commencement.
23. John Jay College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Laws to the Honorable Alex Calabrese at the College's Commencement.
24. CUNY School of Law - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Laws to Martha S. Jones (HC '83, Law '87) at the School's Commencement.

Interim Chancellor Vita Rabinowitz asked the Committee to approve the aforementioned recipients to receive honorary degrees as the specific CUNY colleges recommends their candidacy.

Moved by Committee Chair O'Donnell-Tormey and seconded by Trustee Berger, and following discussion, items I.B.4 through I.B.11 and I.B.13 through I.B.24 were unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

12. Medgar Evers College - Resolution to Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Alfred Sharpton, Jr. at the College's Commencement, Interim Chancellor Rabinowitz asked the Committee to approve Alfred Sharpton, Jr. to receive an honorary degrees as Medgar Evers College recommends his candidacy.

Prof. Burke inquired about the approval process for recommending recipient to receive honorary degrees, specifically at Medgar Evers College (MEC).

President Rudolph Crew made a few comments about the nomination process by providing the guidelines for honorary degree recommendations at MEC.

Moved by Trustee Berger and seconded by Trustee Charles Shorter, and following discussion, Committee Chair O'Donnell-Tormey asked for a roll call vote with members casting their votes as follows:

Committee Chair Jill O'Donnell-Tormey - Abstained
Committee Vice Chair Charles A. Shorter - AYE
Trustee Henry T. Berger - AYE
Prof. Martin Burke (faculty member) - AYE
A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019. Moved by Committee Chair O’Donnell-Tormey and seconded by Trustee Henry Berger, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

B. POLICY CALENDAR, continued:

1. New York City College of Technology - BS in Data Science. Interim Chancellor Rabinowitz stated that employment opportunities in Geoscience have been extending rapidly. By 2020 the number of jobs for all U.S. data professionals will be 2,720,000 according to IBM. This program will prepare City Tech’s graduates to take advantage of these lucrative career opportunities by providing them with course work and applied math, computer programming, principals of database management and data mining. An articulation agreement has already been signed with BMCC and others are being pursued. Given that several of our senior colleges have recently developed master’s degrees in data science, this program will create a natural pipeline into those programs, and we can only hope will increase the number of CUNY undergraduates enrolling in our master’s degrees.

   Moved by Committee Chair O’Donnell-Tormey and seconded by Trustee Berger, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

2. LaGuardia Community College - AS in Physical Sciences. Interim Chancellor Rabinowitz stated that LaGuardia Community College already has a strong faculty and strong curriculum offerings in chemistry and physics. This program will allow the college to package those existing offerings into a free standing program, which will allow the college to recruit strong students more easily, advise them more closely, and graduate more of them and do so more quickly. Given LaGuardia Community College student population, the articulation agreement with York College which is already signed and others which are being developed will increase the number of underrepresented groups in STEM careers and create a more diverse pipeline for graduate programs and medical school.

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

3. City College - BS in Science Learning & Public Engagement. Interim Chancellor Rabinowitz stated that while there are many students who find sciences engaging, not all opt for careers in medicine, research, or teaching. This program is an option which students may enter into directly upon admissions to the college or later in their academic career. In addition to the strong curriculum foundation in the sciences, this program will equip students with coursework in developing curricula as well as multi-media tools for non-academic settings such as museums, botanical gardens, and zoos. Required internships will give students direct experience in these venues, as well as opportunities
to develop contacts for employment upon graduation. This program will also assist with the city’s desire to diversify the professional staff at New York’s many cultural institutions.

A discussion about the proposed program followed, including the number of offered courses, projected number of faculty members, and anticipated enrollment.

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

25. CUNY Office of Academic Affairs - Approval of the CAPPR Report. Interim Chancellor Rabinowitz stated that items in this report consist primarily of action required to be forwarded to the New York State Education Department for review, as well as additions to the University’s general education program and local academic policies.

Moved by Committee Trustee Berger and seconded by Committee Chair O’Donnell-Tormey, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

Committee Chair O’Donnell-Tormey moved to adjourned the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Berger and the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.