1. **NYPIRG**
   - The meeting began with a briefing from the executive officers of NYPIRG: Smitha Barghese (Queens College), Chairwoman of the NYPIRG Board of Directors and Anthony Viola (City College), Vice Chairman of the NYPIRG Board of Directors.
   - There are 9 NYPIRG chapters at CUNY: Borough of Manhattan CC, Bronx CC, Brooklyn College, Queens College, Queensborough CC, City College, Hunter College, NYCCT & the College of Staten Island.
   - The students explained that the primary goal of the CUNY NYPIRG chapters was to promote civic engagement.
   - Available funding varies by campus but CUNY NYPIRG has an annual budget of approximately $1 million.
   - SAFs support staff at each campus (including issue coordinators), trainings, paid public policy internships, events.
   - SAFs are used on the campuses where the funds come from.
   - Chapter representatives elected in a campus-wide election; campus representatives make up the CUNY-wide NYPIRG Board.
   - NYPIRG issues:
     - Voter registration/good government
     - Higher education
     - Homelessness and hunger
     - Environment Protection
     - Straphangers Campaign
     - Consumer Protection
   - Refund policy requires that students complete a simple form.
   - NYPIRG is the original PIRG and is independent of all other PIRGS.
   - CUNY NYPIRGs do not pay dues to state-wide NYPIRG.
   - SUNY: NYPIRG is at five SUNY colleges and get their funding through student government.

2. **Presentation: Queens College Students for Life v. CUNY**
   - Terms of settlement provide the parameters that CUNY must operate within.
   - Not permissible to register a club but then provide no funding.
   - There must be written “viewpoint neutral” criteria to apply when deciding to recognize a club/organization; without such criteria there is the risk of “unbridled discretion.”
   - Article 16.12 of the CUNY Bylaws impermissibly allows the use of referenda to earmark student activity fees for a specific purpose or organization.
   - The Queens C case established the parameters that must be in the policies and practices of all CUNY colleges.

3. **Discussion for future consideration:**
   - Need to articulate neutral criteria.
   - Must address existing earmarks, recognizing clubs, allocating bodies, outside organizations.
   - Timeframe: must change the referenda process by June.
   - Working group to provide to the Task Force: policy language that will bring CUNY into compliance and models/best practices from other colleges/universities.