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Attendance:
Mitchel B. Wallerstein, President
David Birdsell, Dean, School of Public Affairs & Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Effectiveness
John Choonoo, Director of the Office of Institutional Research
David Christy, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Katharine Cobb, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Ben Corpus, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategic Academic Initiatives
Arthur Downing, Vice President for Information Services and Dean of the Library
Mark Gibbel, Vice President for College Advancement
Mary Gorman, Chief of Staff
Christopher Hessel, Chair, Faculty Senate
Christina Latouf, Vice President for Communications, External Relations & Economic Development
Myung-Soo Lee, Interim Dean, Zicklin School of Business
Jeffrey Peck, Dean, Weissman School of Arts and Sciences & Vice Provost for Global Strategies
Sharon Ricks, Acting Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Absent:
Stephanie Vullo, Executive Legal Counsel

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 19th 2014 meeting; the minutes were approved.

President’s Remark
President Wallerstein welcomed Dr. Christopher Hessel to his first Cabinet meeting in his capacity as chair of the Faculty Senate.

President Wallerstein reported Chancellor Milliken will be visiting all of the CUNY campuses during the summer months.

The President distributed a document on CUNY’s response to President Obama’s Plans for Postsecondary Institution Ratings Systems. A brief discussion followed.
President Wallerstein reported CUNY will be appropriated funds over the course of three years for STEM related job preparation as part of the New York City workforce development initiative.

President Wallerstein thanked Vice President Corpus, Ms. Ricks and Public Safety for their efforts regarding the recent student suicide. The President stressed the importance of student counseling and the need for faculty and staff to be attuned to warning signs in students.

The President provided an update on the proposed residence space.

President Wallerstein thanked everyone for their participation in commencement. Provost Christy noted next year will be the 50th commencement and is a celebratory opportunity. It was agreed that this information should be confirmed before plans are made.

**Provost Matters**
Provost Christy reported he and his Chief of Staff, Linda Lemiesz, have met with all departments within Student Affairs to become more familiar with the role and responsibilities of each department.

The Provost reported John Choonoo has created a data set on transfer student success.

Provost Christy reported the Schwartz Communication Institute Symposium on May 30th was successful.

**CUNYFirst Update**
Vice President Cobb reported CUNY Central will be rolling out a new CUNYFirst module for faculty travel authorization which will go live on July 1st.

Vice President Downing reported the grade rosters for 236 classes have not been posted yet and efforts are being made to reach out to the respective faculty. Vice President Corpus noted some faculty are still using non-Baruch emails and it was requested that the deans encourage the faculty to use Baruch mail. Vice President Corpus added summer registration is affected by spring course grades that have not been submitted in a timely fashion.

Provost Christy stressed the need for faculty to submit grades via CUNYFirst versus paper rosters.

Vice President Downing announced Christian Keck has been promoted to Assistant Vice President and in his new role he will continue the momentum of the CUNYFirst implementation as the CUNYFirst project manager.

**Future Procedure For The Selection Of Valedictorian And Salutatorian Honors**
It was reported that Academic Council discussed the selection process for valedictorian and salutatorian. President Wallerstein noted his support of the rationale for a new approach in selecting valedictorian and salutatorian, as the selection is not strictly determined by GPA and total credits. A discussion followed. Provost Christy noted academically qualified students will be moved forward through a selection process. Dr. Hessel suggested faculty senate be informed of the rationale as a measure of transparency. It was noted that a mechanism must be put in place to recognize the highest academic honors as well.

**Rationale for FY15 Budget Reductions to Take Account of Compact and Other Mandatory Spending**
Vice President Cobb reported a reduction in FY15 budgets will be made to cover the cost of certain college-wide expenses and to create a funds reserve. She noted Compact commitments must be met, as well as faculty hiring commitments. It was also noted that a strategic plan initiative funding reserve is needed as well. President Wallerstein stated the budget cuts were made in proportion to divisional base budgets.

It was noted that CUTRA must be built back up, as it was affected by under-enrollment in Spring 2014.

A discussion followed.

It was noted that revenue generated by academic excellence fees could only be used for the purpose of the respective program students.

Provost Christy noted the demand of some courses has declined due to the impact of Pathways, thus the College must determine which programs need to grow and which programs cannot afford to grow. Dean Peck stated Pathways has greatly affected Weissman’s academic departments.

Vice President Corpus asked for projections of what divisional budget cuts would look like at 10%, 15%, and 20%. He noted it would be helpful to review these scenarios with staff to think carefully about departmental needs and goals.

Vice President Cobb noted the College will have two more years of Compact allocations and the removal of the academic excellence fee cap will provide some financial relief.

Dean Lee stated student appeals regarding the removal of the academic excellence fee have been slowly coming in.

Provost Christy stressed the importance of meeting with graduate students to review the spending of the funds generated by the academic excellence fee, for the sake of transparency.

President Wallerstein stressed the need to consider the budgetary plan if tuition increases are suspended.

**Old Business**

*Enrollment*

Vice President Corpus reported Fall 2015 enrollment figures are down 1087 in comparison to Fall 2014; and Summer 2014 enrollment figures are down 775 in comparison to Summer 2013. He distributed a document with a breakdown of the most recent summer session enrollment figures by course. A brief discussion followed. He noted that academic department decisions to convert some evening classes to day classes may have affected summer session enrollment.

**New Business**

President Wallerstein reminded members of Cabinet to report to his office planned summer annual leave to ensure there is proper administrative coverage during the summer months.