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Attendance:
Mitchel B. Wallerstein, President
John Brenkman, Acting Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
John Choonoo, Director of the Office of Institutional Research
Ben Corpus, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
Arthur Downing, Chief Librarian and Chief Information Officer
John Elliott, Dean, Zicklin School of Business
Mary Finnen, Acting Vice President for Administration and Finance
Mark Gibbel, Vice President for College Advancement
Mary Gorman, Chief of Staff
Christina Latouf, Assistant Vice President for Communications, Marketing and Public Affairs
Terrence Martell, Chair, Faculty Senate
Jeffrey Peck, Dean, Weissman School of Arts & Sciences and Vice Provost for Global Strategies
Stephanie Vullo, Executive Legal Counsel

Absen:
David Birdsell, Dean, School of Public Affairs

Invited Guests:
Mona Jha, Sub-Affirmative Action Officer
Monique George, Executive Director Human Resources

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting and the minutes were approved.

Introduction of New Affirmative Action Officer-Ms. Mona Jha
President Wallerstein welcomed and introduced invited guest Ms. Mona Jha, the new Sub-Affirmative Action Officer. President Wallerstein noted Ms. Jha brings considerable skills and experience to this position as she has served as an assistant Attorney General in the Office of the State Attorney General, where she defended New York agencies and employees in employment discrimination and other cases brought in state and federal courts.

Introduction of New HR Executive Director, Ms. Monique Brown-George and Discussion of HR Concerns
President Wallerstein welcomed and introduced invited guest Ms. Monique George, the new Executive Director of Human Resources. He noted Ms. George is a Baruch graduate and joins the College from Maimonides Medical Center where she served as Associate Vice President of Human Resources.

The President noted he thought it would be useful to invite Ms. George to a Cabinet meeting to address any “burning” issues members of Cabinet would like to discuss.

Dean Peck noted he wanted to reiterate a discussion he had with Ms. George during the interview process regarding the need for the human resources department to set the tone for the entire campus for civility and the way people treat each other. President Wallerstein suggested a civility training workshop that could be field tested with members of Cabinet. Dr. Martell concurred that it should be enforced at a Cabinet level to support Human Resources. A discussion followed. Mr. Choonoo noted this matter ties into Baruch’s inclusion in the *Princeton Review*’s list of least happy students and it would be necessary to determine at what level does campus civility play a role. Vice President Corpus and Mr. Choonoo agreed to present the latest results of the National Survey of Student Engagement at a future meeting.

**President’s Remarks**

President Wallerstein reported on the recent Council of Presidents retreat held at the new facility for the CUNY Law School. He noted Pathways was discussed as well as the CUNY Five Year Master Plan.

The President reported that Katherine Cobb is the new Vice President for Administration and Finance and her start date will be determined shortly. He noted an announcement will be sent out to the college community.

The President reported the College submitted its revised application for the 25th Street plaza application. He noted Ms. Latouf spearheaded the preparation of the revised application which included a letter from the Chancellor guaranteeing funds.

The President announced the College is holding a ceremony this evening honoring the support of Borough President Scott Stringer and City Councilmember Rosie Mendez for the now completed 25th Street external lighting project. Vice President Corpus inquired when the Reso A funds were approved for the project. Ms. Latouf noted 2005-2006. Dr. Downing and Vice President Corpus reported they are awaiting the results of recent Reso A requests.

The President reported the student center building is still under negotiation and Gabriel Eszterhas is handling the College’s end of the negotiations.

The President reported City Council Speaker Christine Quinn will be the speaker for the morning commencement exercises and New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli will be the speaker for the afternoon commencement exercises. The President noted *The New York Times* columnist David Brooks will be an honorary degree recipient due to the assistance of Provost Brenkman. The President reported the College is still working to identify a second academic honorary degree recipient and asked for suggestions. A discussion followed. The President noted that he must submit a name to CUNY Central by end of day. The President stressed the need for more faculty representation for the platform party.

The President asked Vice President Gibbel to give an update on the 2012 Bernard M. Baruch Dinner. Vice President Gibbel gave a brief update.

**Provost’s Remarks**

Provost Brenkman congratulated Dean Elliott on his recent appointment as Dean of the School of Business at the University of Connecticut. He noted the College is working to identify an interim dean in order to ensure a smooth transition.
The Provost reported a special general faculty meeting would be held on Wednesday March 21st as per the request of the faculty via petition to discuss Pathways. He noted that the structure of the 30 credit core curriculum needs to be taken to the three schools to vote on. He added that votes done at the General Faculty meeting are an expression of views and opinions, whereas school faculty meeting votes are decision making votes. The Provost noted that Zicklin faculty members may have questions for the Weissman school chairs, regarding the 30 credit core curriculum structure. A brief discussion followed. Dean Elliott noted that Zicklin faculty care about the educational outcome of the 30 credit core curriculum structure but do not want to be obstructionists. Dr. Martell stressed the concern that Zicklin faculty will not be prepared to vote on this matter by the next Zicklin School faculty meeting, which is scheduled for March 22nd.

President Wallerstein noted that if a decision has not been made regarding the 30 credit core curriculum structure by the CUNY mandated deadline of April 1st, the College may have to put forward an outline under the guise that a vote has not been taken.

Provost Brenkman reported that a draft of the Strategic Plan will be ready by mid-summer and will be sent to the Strategic Planning Committee by the end of August with the goal of presenting the draft to the faculty by early fall.

Provost Brenkman briefed Cabinet on an ongoing faculty immigration matter.

**Update on Fall Admissions and Plans for Summer Enrollment**

Vice President Corpus briefed Cabinet on fall admissions and plans for summer enrollment. He noted the number of non-Baruch summer session students is up 50% from last year and undergraduate students are down 61% from last year. He reported an online pay option for non-Baruch students has been arranged. Ms. Latouf reported that moving up the summer registration process has helped a lot with the recruitment of non-Baruch students. She noted that outreach to non-Baruch students was more aggressive this year and the summer advertising budget was increased by $10,000 from last year.

Vice President Corpus reported Fall enrollment is in two phases; applications are up by 15%; transfer student applications are up by 88%. He added that applications to CUNY across the university system are up.

Vice President Corpus reported there is an enrollment cap on FTE numbers. Provost Brenkman noted this is due to CUNYs expressed concern regarding the faculty to student ratio. President Wallerstein noted he would circulate a presentation from the CUNY Office of Institutional Research regarding enrollment concerns. A brief discussion followed.

**Additional Honorary Degree Recipients from Arts and Humanities**

The President noted he covered this topic during his initial presidential remarks.

**Student Technology Fee Plan 2012-2013**

Dr. Downing distributed and reviewed the draft of the Student Technology Fee Plan for 2012-2013. A brief discussion followed. Following the discussion the Cabinet members voted to approve the plan.

**Other Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None