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There were present:

Prof. Barnhart	Prof. Garcia-Osuna	Prof. McKinney
Prof. Borgese	Prof. Gattullo	Prof. Miranda
Prof. Brancaccio-Taras	Prof. Guigno	Prof. Murphy
Ms. J. Cohen	Mr. Harewood	Prof. Nicosia
Dean P. Cohen	Mr. Herklotz	Mr. Plaut
Prof. M. Dawson	Mr. Hermida	Prof. Pollack
Dean DiLorenzo	Prof. Hesse	Prof. Sarinsky
Ms. Driscoll	V.P. Keller	Prof. Sokolow
Prof. Farrell	Mr. Klein	V.P. Suss
Prof. Ferretti	Prof. Kraljic	Mr. Troutd
Dean Fox	Mr. Lugo	Mr. Tsukino
Prof. Gale	Prof. Martin	

President Peruggi called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

I. The minutes of the meetings of November 27, 2012 were approved with minor typographical corrections to the date and attendance record (Prof. Dawson was present). Also, one item was added to the Curriculum Committee Report, item II-B(b)-C-2(d), which now appears in the corrected minutes.

## II. Reports

### A. President's Report

The President made the following remarks:

At our Spring Convocation, I had estimated that our enrollment for this semester would be around 15,000 but had indicated that, for a number of reasons, I wasn't able to provide really hard numbers. For the past few days, Linda Biancorosso of Rick Fox's office has been teasing enrollment figures out of our CUNYfirst system, and here is where we stand:

Our headcount, excluding College Now, is 14,961 (which really wasn't far off of my 15,000 estimate). That figure is 523 students, or 3.4%, less than the enrollment in our Spring Semester last year. And, actually, you must remember that we are coming off of several years of record high enrollments, which we did not anticipate would be sustained once the economy began to improve. In that regard, community college enrollments nationwide have been slipping and, within CUNY, spring enrollment has been flat or has declined at most of our institutions. Also, we suspect that at least part of our local decline was a result of Super Storm Sandy, which had a serious impact on the lives of so many of our students. But,

by and large, our student enrollment has settled into the vicinity of our pre-registration predictions and is close to our enrollment target that was established by CUNY.

Regarding our college's financial status, the State legislature recently passed and the Governor has signed the budget for the next fiscal year. For community colleges, the State budget is good news. Recognizing the overall enrollment growth of the last few years and the role that community colleges are playing in the state's economic sector, the per FTE funding has been increased by \$150. Also, for the first time, State funding will be provided for the ASAP initiative, which has been around for a few years and will now be expanded.

A few days ago, I attended a Council of Presidents meeting and, very briefly, some of the topics of discussion there included:

Veterans' affairs. CUNY will be increasing its efforts to attract veterans returning from active duty to our campuses. In order to do that, the university will be revising some of its ancient policies regarding the transfer of credits earned in the military by using ACE guidelines.

Pathways. Despite the controversy surrounding the issue, Pathways is still on schedule to be deployed this fall.

The Tuition Assistance Program. The University is planning a major effort in the coming year to advocate for an increase in TAP – especially because of the need to cover increases in tuition. Because the state's "millionaires tax" will stay in place, CUNY, SUNY, and the private colleges all believe that there will be money available to enhance TAP.

Promoting undergraduate research. CUNY is increasing its efforts to involve undergraduate students in research projects – even community college students. In fact, Gillian Small, CUNY Vice Chancellor for Research, cited the very successful experience of a KCC student in her presentation on this topic.

Aspen. All of you must know by now about our college's success in the competition sponsored by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. Among the ten finalists, two colleges (Walla Walla and Santa Barbara) tied for first place. Two colleges – Lake Area and Kingsborough Community College – were named "finalists with distinction." This means that we were named among the top four community colleges in the nation. No matter how you define it, being identified as among the top four community colleges out of over 1,200 nationwide is an amazing achievement. We will use our \$100,000 prize winnings to enhance our student scholarship fund. Recognition by Aspen was a wonderful honor and a great credit to all of you and all of your colleagues.

## B. Strategic Planning and Budget Committee

The Strategic Planning and Budget Committee announced the final College Priority to be added to the College's list of Strategic Priorities 2012-2016. Seven

out of the eight priorities had already been passed by the College Council; this last priority was now proposed as a resolution, which was approved unanimously:

Resolved, that the following item be added to the list of Kingsborough Community College Strategic Priorities, 2012-2016:

**Continue to consider ways to increase student success in the developmental sequence, including use of technology.**

- Build on the currently existing Learning Communities model.
  - Explore the possibility of expanding Learning Communities to include more disciplines linked to English, and beyond the first semester.
  - Offer more Integrative Studies Learning Communities, available to students who have completed 6 credits or more.
- Pursue the possibility of receiving information earlier from CUNY-UAPC about early applicants before they test and offer orientation and tutorials for the examinations.
- Assess the learning outcomes of, and student satisfaction with, Tutorial Services, the Reading and Writing Center, and the Math Lab.
- Review curricula in Developmental English.
  - Pilot new English 92 and ESL curricula that include more intensive reading and low-stakes writing activities.
  - Offer students additional opportunities within a semester or module to retake CUNY assessments.
  - Design new models for the English 92 and ESL lab components.
  - Pilot new grading rubrics for English 93.
  - Place selected English 93 students in English 12 classes, following the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP).
  - Offer accelerated English W workshops through the Immersion Program.
  - Offer mixed-level ESL courses and new course projects that utilize technology more fully.
- Review curricula in Developmental Mathematics.
  - Pilot an alternative instructional format for students who have failed Math M2 twice.
  - Pilot 4-day workshops that give incoming students who score “high fail” on COMPASS Math Part One (Arithmetic) the opportunity to retest.
  - Explore the use of online technologies such as the Kahn Academy.

Continue to conduct Immersion Programs with one-week express courses for students considered “high fails.”

### C. Legislative

The Legislative Committee announced the onset of the upcoming May election season, when six academic departments will hold elections for chairpersons (where

appropriate), P&B Committee members, and representatives on the College Council. These elections will be followed by general at-Large elections for Council delegates in mid-May. Individuals who have never served on the Council are especially urged to consider running for candidacy so they May bring fresh perspectives and energy to campus governance.

In his capacity as Council Secretary, Legislative chair Prof. Sokolow also reminded Council members that the final meeting of the 2012-2013 academic year is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2013 in room M146/M147, a change from the date initially reported on the Academic Calendar.

### III. New Business

President Peruggi announced that she will be stepping down effective at the end of the summer of 2013 (the text of her complete statement appears as Attachment A to these minutes). After a standing ovation from the members present in acknowledgement of her leadership and years of service to the College and community, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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