**Minutes of the**

 **Faculty Senate Plenary**

**May 17, 2012**

**Shepard Hall 250**

**The City College**

**Present**: President Coico, Provost Moskovits, AVP Lloyd, Senior Registrar D. Matos;

Deans: J. Barba, J. Mercado, D. Cintron, Chief Librarian P. Gillespie; Director M. Brownlee;
Senators: B. Albee, R. Alfano, L. Callahan, H. Carter, M. Castiglioni, M. Chang, B. Crain, J. Davis, S. Epstein,
J. Gallagher, A. Gilerson, M. Gutman, J. Hamilton, R. Kalia, P. Kenyon, C. Lascar, R. Laurich, J. Lee, M. Lutz,

K. McDonald, D. McLurkin, S. Nicoll, S. Pittson, R. Raj, S. Rings, D. Sank, C. Watkins, D. Weissman, J. Wilner,
M. Woessner, I. Wu, Y. Wyner

**Excused**: A. Indych-Lopez

**Guests**: V. Asubanten, D. Dennis, A. Harris, M.R. Strzeszewski, Assemblyman K. Wright

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m.
2. The minutes of the April 26, 2012 meeting were approved.
3. Remarks of the Chair—Professor Raj
* Recapped many of the Senate accomplishments of this academic year.
* Thanked the President, Provost, Executive Committee, Committees, Faculty, and Staff for a productive year.
1. Remarks of the President—President Coico
* Thanked Professor Raj, Senate Executive Committee, Faculty, and others for a great year.
* Reminded faculty of the students we serve and student success stories.
1. Assemblyman Keith Wright, Chair of the Labor Committee
* Discussed the tuition increase of approximately $300 for CUNY students for the first time in about 7 years. The increase means an extra $300 million for CUNY, no TAP cuts/budget cuts.
* 27% of the Harlem population is black, the rest are white and Hispanic.
* The New York Congressional Primary is June 26. The last day to register to vote in the primary is June 1, 2012.
* He will look into an extension of unemployment benefits for students whose benefits have run out.
1. Candidates were certified for graduation
2. Report of the Ombudsperson—Professor Gallagher
* New York state rules will impinge on academic decision-making.
* We need to block-register freshmen at risk for losing financial aid.
* Music teaching/music education problems will be solved.
* A B.S. program in economics is being proposed.
* She is working with the Accessibility Center to find accessible substitute courses for students with learning disabilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Rings

Secretary