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Minutes for the Senate Budget & Finance Committee

**Date and Time**: September 18, 2019: 3:30PM

**Location**: 135 E 146th St; 2nd Floor Conference Room

**Presiding**: Ernest Ialongo, Chair

**Present**: Sarah Church
 Vyacheslav Dushenkov
 Linda Ridley
 Yvette Luyando
 Alisa Roost
 Ruili Ye
 Daliz Perez-Cabezas
 Carol Huie
 Alex Essiamah

**Absent**: Andre Thompson

**Guests**: Esther Rodriguez-Chardavoyne
 Fanny Dumancela

**Minutes Prepared By**:

 Alisa Roost

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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Call to Order:  |  |  3:30 |
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| Acceptance of AgendaAcceptance of Minutes of April 29, 2019 meeting  |  Carol Huie noted her attendance at this meeting, and that the minutes should be amended.         | Unanimously acceptedMotion to amend, and the amended minutes, unanimously accepted |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Senior Vice President Esther Rodriguez- ChardavoyneSummarized where we are at financially   | * Discussed revision of Hostos Association Manual
* Significant cuts to annual budget
* Overview of fiscal budget allocation
* Enrollment drop at all the CUNY Community Colleges
* Funding cut of 1.2 million for this fiscal year
* Additionally, no funding for workload reduction
* City will cover all contractual increases
* 85% of the budget is personnel (including full timer adjuncts, staff and benefits)
* Essentially 1.2 million cut this year (on top of 1.4 million cut last year)
* Non-personnel costs mostly taken up by maintenance (elevators, HVAC, Allied Health machines, etc)
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| Senior Vice President Esther Rodriguez- ChardavoyneReviewed draft of financial plan     | * Presented the draft financial plan for 2020-2022
* New template, with 2% increases for PS and 1% increases for OTPS assumed
* Another FTE cut is expected next year due to low enrollment at other community colleges
* Further cuts will not be manageable
* 3rd floor renovation to B building is delayed due to Central
* Capital requests are for buildings
* C building HVAC is over 25 years old; parts no longer even available in US (3 million)
* Allied Health Building is separated as strategic initiative (240 million)
* Asked Borough president for help finishing B building
* Prof. Ialongo suggested (and the SVP agreed) adding line to the Hostos Budget Process memo that she meets with P&B and Senate Budget and Finance Committee in September)
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| **Committee meeting without SVP** | * Prof. Ialongo advocated for as much open communication as possible in budget discussions with administration
* Memos will be released to college community outlining budget cuts and college responses (drafted by SVP office and released by this committee)
* Discussion of whether finance and curriculum should be analyzed together
* Prof. Ialongo discussed culture shift of redefining road map of future collaborations
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