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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 Agenda  Acceptance of Minutes of April 29, 2019 meeting | Carol Huie noted her attendance at this meeting, and that the minutes should be amended. | Unanimously accepted  Motion to amend, and the amended minutes, unanimously accepted |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Senior Vice President Esther Rodriguez- Chardavoyne  Summarized 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) |  |
| Senior Vice President Esther Rodriguez- Chardavoyne  Reviewed 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) |  |
| **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 |  |