## KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLEGE COUNCIL

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## There were present:

| Prof. Barnhart         | Prof. Garcia-Osuna | Prof. McKinney |
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| 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. Troudt     |
| 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)

by and large, our student enrollment has settled into the vicinity or our preregistration 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

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