Excused: D. Mangiante,

1. Call to order 12:30 p.m., R. Bass

2. Agenda Approved by unanimous voice vote

3. Minutes Accepted by unanimous voice vote

4. Demonstration of Immediate Electronic Voting System

H. Wach and A. Robinson explained the workings of the IEVS and conducted a demonstration of the system; for the Spring 2008 semester, all votes will be conducted on paper and the IEVS; vote data will be maintained by the Secretary, a member of the Governance and Elections Committee, and one other person to be determined

5. Committee on Academic Standing
A. Abolition of NC Grade

I. Mirsky presented for action a recommendation by the CAS to abolish the NC grade; motion passed: 39 – 1 – 1 (paper) or 40 – 0 – 1 (IEVS)

6. President’s Report

See SVP and Deans Report, below

7. Announcements and Reports
A. Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Faculty Council Chairperson’s Report:

R. Bass explained that the motion made by A. McInerney and voted on by the body at the 12/6/07 Senate meeting should have been presented at two meetings before ratification (and is now moot because a tuition increase was not, after all, presented in the budget);

P. Cunningham announced that at the 2/29/08 Martin Luther King Dinner, a Legacy Award will be given out as well as a new award, “Starting the Legacy Award,” for outstanding students;

P. Read announced the 2/28/08 Faculty Council agenda and thanked M. Holden, Public Safety for opening the Osborne Place gate to facility automobile traffic

B. Senior Vice-Presidents and Deans Report:

G. Sanchez (on behalf of C. Williams) thanked BCC students, faculty, and staff who recently met with members of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus in Albany, NY; he also thanked participants of the World Congress (2/18-20); he noted that the IEVS has classroom applications; he encouraged members of the body to participate in Middle States Activities

M. Coleman reported on the proposed decrease, by $50 per FTE, of CUNY community colleges’ operational budgets by the State of New York tuition and proposed budget cuts by New York City; she requested that faculty and staff contact Public Safety to volunteer to be trained for defibrillator operation; in addition she asked that all members of the community register for CUNY Alert; questions were raised about the sinkhole: repair is to begin this semester and should be completed by Fall 2008

B. Gantt reported on enrollment trends and changes in the late registration process; he announced the CUNY Summer in the City program and CUNY’s recommended changes to identifying students attempting to transfer to CUNY Nursing programs

C. Savage announced the BCC Gala, 4/16/08, and announced the Faculty Scholarship Awards for travel reimbursement

8. Auxiliary Enterprises:

No Report

9. BCC, Inc.:
10. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic Standing: I. Mirsky presented a proposal to limit students on probation to only one course at a time in the Summer and Winter sessions; first presentation, no action possible

B. Curriculum: H. Clampman presented three items

C. Governance and Elections: NR

D. Instruction and Professional Development: A. Lal reported that the committee is reviewing the student evaluation form

E. Space, Facilities, and Physical Plant: L. Montenegro announced that the committee will meet in March

F. Student Activities: NR

G. Student Government Association: NR

H. University Faculty Senate: NR

I. University Student Senate: NR

J. Vice-Presidents and Deans: NR

11. New Business: None

12. Adjournment: 1:45, R. Bass

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick De Naples, Secretary