1. The chair introduced Yechiel Rosenrauch as CSI’s new interim Registrar. N. Green will be working in Vice President Borrero’s division. Y. Rosenrauch comes to CSI with many years of CUNY experience.

2. A motion was made by L. Manne to approve the agenda for March 7 General Education Committee Meeting. C. Anderson seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

3. A motion was made by S. Ray to approve the minutes from the February 8 General Education Committee Meeting. E. Meehan seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. A Report from the Subcommittee on Clarification of Catalog Language of Contemporary World and Pluralism and Diversity Overlays was presented by R. de la Dehesa. M. D’Alessandro raised a question about the asterisk on page two regarding three-credit TALA courses and the availability of these courses in the class offerings. R. de la Dehesa explained that the recommendations included in the report do not preclude Departments to create additional three-credit TALA courses. A motion was made by E. Meehan to approve the report. L. Manne seconded the motion. The report was approved, 23 yes, 0 no, with two abstentions (C. Lavender, G. Reichard).

5. An overview of the draft response to the queries from Faculty Senate was presented by S. Wilson, the ad hoc committee chair. S. Wilson made a motion to approve the draft response. C. Anderson seconded the motion. S. Wilson noted that the response was an attempt to address how the college can move forward in answering the issues raised by the Faculty Senate with regard to Pathways, pointing out that there has been an enormous negative culture change that has occurred on campus from the imposition of Pathways. She added that, while the draft response discussed by the Committee at the February 8 meeting included a detailed account of issues related to Pathways implementation, the amount of detail in that draft would have made it difficult to consider on the floor of the Faculty Senate. The goal of the ad hoc committee was to provide a much more concise response while still addressing the Faculty Senate’s three queries. C. Anderson explained that the draft presented on February 8 and appendices would still be included with the subcommittee’s draft, if approved. The chair thanked the subcommittee members, S. Wilson, R. de la Dehesa, E. Meehan, C. Anderson, L. Manne, for taking on this task, adding that while there will still be issues and details to address, the key is to find a way move forward on General
Education. Minor changes were suggested and noted by the subcommittee chair. The Committee then approved the draft response by a vote of 25 yes, 0 no, and one abstention (G. Reichard). The chair asked S. Wilson to forward the final version later in the day for transmittal to the Senate Executive Committee and invited her to present the response on the floor of the Faculty Senate on March 17 on behalf of the full committee.

6. D. Allen reported on behalf of the GECAS Committee, distributing a handout of the 2013-2015 GE Assessment cycle. He reported that progress on assessment cycle through fall 2015 has been satisfactory, although some assessment reports are still pending. M. Anderson will follow up with those Departments who may need additional support. Departments were asked to identify courses and GE goals for spring 2016.

7. Pathways Flowcharts: E. Feria re-introduced the Pathways Flowcharts that he provided at the February 8 meeting. The Department of Engineering Science and Physics would like to include the flowchart on the Department website. The chair asked E. Feria to discuss this with both CAAS and the Registrar, in order to ensure that all information on the flowchart is accurate.

8. New Business: A. Levine mentioned that as a future agenda item, the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science degrees need to be revisited by the Curriculum Committee.

A. Leykam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Meehan seconded the motion. The committee unanimously moved to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 4th.