Chairman Martin Scheinman welcomed new and returning committee members and read the New York state open meeting declaration. He also congratulated Lorin Warnick for his reappointment to a second term as Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Rachel Dunifon who began her tenure as Dean of the College of Human Ecology, and Benjamin Houlton who began his tenure as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Updates and Announcements
Chairman Scheinman reminded committee members that written reports and key messages are posted on the Committee on University Relations workroom on the Trustee’s secure website.

May 2020 Minutes
The committee approved the May 22, 2020, minutes.

Albany Report: NYS Response to COVID-19 and Budget Implications
Zoe Nelson, from Cornell’s Albany office, provided an overview of New York state’s response to COVID-19 and its budget implications for Cornell, including a directive from the governor’s budget director for state agencies to hold back spending by 20%. New contracts and paying out on many existing contracts have also been stalled. These decisions could impact Cornell’s $121 million FY20 funding through SUNY, resulting in a reduction of nearly $24 million, as well as Cornell research and outreach contracts and payments to reimburse student financial aid programs, possibly resulting in an additional $4
million cut to Cornell. Barring an influx of federal funding, next year’s budget will reflect the current year reductions. The projected NYS budget shortfall through March 2022 is $30 billion.

Zoe noted Cornell’s leadership in helping the state establish its reopening guidelines for higher education involvement, and also noted that Cornell’s COVID-19 dashboard was used as a model for SUNY’s dashboard.

Finally, Zoe noted changes in leadership affecting higher education in NYS including the appointment of SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras and the upcoming departure of CICU president Mary Beth LaBate, as well as the retirement of assembly member Barbara Lifton, whose district includes the Ithaca campus, who is expected to be replaced by Democratic primary winner and Tompkins County legislator Anna Kelles.

**Closed Meeting Declaration**
Chairman Scheinman read the New York state closed meeting rules.