

Technology and Library Committee
Queens College, CUNY
Minutes of the Meeting: September 29, 2004

Present: S. Bonk, E. Fernández, K. Lord, A. Love, S. Warwick, C. Vickery

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m., with Warwick joining the group via speakerphone.

1. Charge of the Committee and Plans for Academic Year 2004-2005

Following a proposal made by Vickery and Fernández via email, on September 5 (<http://mailbox.qc.edu/mailman/private/techlib/2004-September/000288.html>), the Committee agreed to approach its charge during this academic year as follows: collecting information and preparing a report to the Senate during the Fall, and obtaining feedback on the report from faculty and students during the Spring.

As a plan for the Fall semester:

- in an October meeting, the Committee will welcome Naveed Husain, and will invite Sue Henderson to give a 10-15 minute presentation;
- in a November meeting, the Chief Librarian (Bonk) and the Assistant to the Provost for Educational Technology (Lord) will report; and
- in a December meeting, the Chief Information Officer (Husain) will report, and the Committee will outline the contents of its report to the Senate.

Warwick agreed to contact Husain and Henderson regarding their availability in upcoming weeks in October.

2. Membership to Technology Fee Task Force

Warwick reported on the self-nomination and subsequent election of a representative from the Social Sciences for membership on the Technology Fee Task Force, overriding this Committee's choice for a representative, this representative not having been present at the Senate meeting. Warwick will draft and circulate a letter to Elizabeth Lowe, requesting that the Senate re-evaluate this issue and establish a policy regarding self-nominations from the floor, and how these relate to absent nominees.

3. Open Access

Bonk urged for campus discussion to take place regarding faculty publishing in open repositories and anti-commercial scholarly publications, suggesting that such discussion lead the Senate to pass a resolution regarding the matter. As there has not been a forum for this discussion, the Committee agreed that it should take on the job of educating the campus about open access publishing, open source software, etc., by organizing a faculty development program in Spring 2005. Bonk and Warwick agreed to seek framing papers and potential speakers. After the meeting, Vickery agreed to draft a proposal for the CUNY Faculty Development program's current RFP.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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