

**Academic Senate
Technology and Library Committee
Queens College of CUNY**

Minutes of the Meeting: April 25, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Members: E. Fernández, A. Love, C. Vickery, and L. Magassa.

Ex Officio: N. Husain, K. Lord, and R. Shaddy.

Guest: Jennifer Jarvis (Student Life)

CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Chair Fernández called the meeting to order in the Chief Librarian's conference room at 12:15 pm.

The agenda was approved, and the minutes of the meeting of March 21 were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

R. Shaddy submitted the attached report to the committee. We discussed the balance of the roles this committee plays in matters pertaining to the library compared to educational technology and information technology. The committee decided to recommend to the Senate Executive Committee that the Chief Librarian be invited to give a State of the Library address to the full Senate during the Fall semester.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Jarvis and N. Husain described and demonstrated the "Right Answers" self-service help system that CUNY has purchased and which has been installed at The College (<http://knowledge.qc.cuny.edu>). They invited this committee to try the system and to make recommendations for improving the user interface, extending the scope of the system at Queens, and to make any other suggestions for the system that we might have.

N. Husain described the Content Management System OCT and The Office of Communications are bringing online to manage various parts of The College's web site, including departments' sites.

The committee agreed to work on a committee report to The Senate by email once we have the constituent reports from our *ex officio* members.

The committee discussed The Senate's pass-through request from the provost for information about hybrid course offerings on campus. E. Fernández had previously circulated a draft questionnaire to gather this information, and the committee agreed to forward it to the Executive Committee, but to take no further action at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Vickery
Recording Secretary

Report to the Technology and Library Committee

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We are pleased to announce two PSC-CUNY (Professional Staff Congress-City University of New York) awards to two of our faculty:

Dr. Suzanna Simor, Associate Professor, has been awarded a grant for \$6,000 for 2007-2008, for publication and manuscript preparation for her "Images of the Creed" (working title), to be published by Brepols Publishers (Harvey Miller Publishers imprint) in 2008 or 2009. The study examines visualizations of the texts of Christianity's three main summaries of belief, the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds in Western art. The work explores their origin and significance, and surveys their historical development to the Reformation.

Assistant Professor Michael Miller has been awarded \$1,800 for 2007-2008 for a study entitled "New Media Commons, 2010: The State of the Art in Academic Library Media Support Services." The purpose of this project and proposal is to visit and survey seven advanced media services units in academic libraries and to fund a short half-day seminar as a forum to share the findings. A survey of the seven units will support the development of a research article to be published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Other Grants: Associate Professor Alexandria de Luise has been awarded a 2006-2007 CUNY Campaign for Success grant to develop an instruction website. Once completed, it will further the inclusion of information literacy in Queens College's undergraduate General Education program.

Other News:

The Twomey Lounge on Level One has been completed and all are welcome to relax and study in its light-filled and comfortable environment. The lounge was made possible by a generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Virginia Twomey.

Novelist and Queens College alumna, Ann Birstein, was honored at the Annual Donors Reception on April 18th. Ms Birstein has donated her collection of manuscripts, papers, photographs, and books related to her own writing career and her circle of New York literati, c. 1950s to 1990s.

Regarding the use of the \$1.3 million grant from the Borough of Queens President, we have determined the scope of work to include: Reference and Research Center on level three, linked with an Information Commons on level two; new Instructional classroom on level 2, linked with re-locating the College Archives and converting a section of level three (adjacent to the Armstrong Archives) to store the collection; creation of a new government documents service center and storage area. We are still awaiting the designation of the design team to move the project forward.

We have been informed that funding has been located to repair the roof on the Rosenthal Library.

The Art Center, located on level 6 of Rosenthal Library, has opened its fourth exhibit of the academic year, featuring the works of Margery Edwards, on display from April 17 – July 30, 2007.

Development News (gifts and gifts-in-kind):

The Libraries are negotiating the acquisition of the papers and library of former Queens Poet Laureate Hal Sirowitz.

Professor Raymond Erickson, Aaron Copland School of Music, gave the Music Library \$5,000 to purchase reference materials.

A new endowment has been established in Library and Information Science in memory of Dr. Louis Coburn, Prof. Emeritus in GSLIS.

Additional funds have been donated to the Library's Science Endowment: now totaling \$201,000.

An additional gift was made to the Lincoln-Nineteenth Century American History Endowment.

The Friends of the Library sponsored its semi-annual book sale and a lecture program marking annual Library Week

A new student group has been formed: Student Friends of the Rosenthal Library, which will assist with various library-related projects.

Link to *PageDown*, the Newsletter of the Queens College Libraries:

<http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/Library/pagedown/index.html>

Robert A. Shaddy
Professor and Chief Librarian