

**QUEENS COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE
TECHNOLOGY AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: November 28, 2007

Attendance

Members: E. Fernández (chair), A. Love, C. Vickery, and J. Bearak.

Ex Officio: K. Lord.

Call To Order, Approval Of Agenda, & Approval Of Previous Minutes

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the Chief Librarian's conference room. The agenda for the meeting had been circulated by email. Minutes of the meeting of October 31, 2007 were approved.

Committee Reports

K. Lord presented a report covering the Educational Technology Lab in Razran 360, the search committee for an instructional technologist, progress on upgrading Blackboard to a new version, the new grant for training for on-line teaching, and a one-semester pilot of Eluminate. A copy of the report is attached.

Old Business

None

New Business

The committee approved Beverly Bisland's application to serve on the Tech Fee Task Force.

The committee discussed online learning at The College, and considered drafting a "Best Practices" resolution to be presented to The Senate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

The next meeting will be in February.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Vickery
Recording Secretary

Report to the Academic Senate Technology and Library Committee

Ken Lord, Assistant to the Provost for Educational Technology

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Educational Technology Lab

The Educational Technology Lab in Razran 360 now has carpeting, electrical, networking and furniture. OCT has the request for new computers (Macbooks).

Instructional Technologist

Search committee: Claudia Perry, Monica Casco, Michelle Fraboni, Ken Lord, and Eva Fernández.

Blackboard/CUNY

The upgrade to version 7.3 is now more complicated. Blackboard does not prefer to support our unique multiple VI (Virtual Instance) implementation as it is very hard to troubleshoot. The alternatives (independent installations for each campus or a "Domain Model") each present their own advantages and disadvantages. This was discussed at an all day meeting with select Bb admins (including me) and three representatives from Blackboard. This was followed up with a conference call with the CIS project manager.

On-Line Teaching Grant for Training

We are about to announce a grant for faculty who wish to teach fully on-line courses. This will include compensation for training in January, a course reduction in the Spring for preparing one of their courses to be taught fully on-line in the fall.

One-semester Pilot of Elluminate

One of our alumna who now works for Elluminate is offering us a free spring semester (with January) for the product. Elluminate is an audio/video virtual classroom (screen display, white board, hand raising, text sharing, desktop sharing, etc.) The timing is right to use it with our on-line teaching grant. There is a Building Block to integrate it into Blackboard. I hope to install it on the test server soon, and it needs to be certified by CUNY CIS.