

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

Meeting Date: March 19, 2008

Attendance

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

Ex Officio: K. Lord and R. Shaddy.

Guest: Alexandra deLuise (Library).

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm in the Chief Librarian's conference room.

Minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2008 were approved.

Announcements

Our Tech Fee Task Force recommendations (Bisland, Betancourt, and Wong) were approved by the Senate.

Ex-Officio Reports

K. Lord reported that the Provost's office has not yet clarified the membership process for the Tech Fee Task Force.

CUNY CIS will be upgrading Blackboard; the new system should be available in mid-April, and will go into production for Fall 2008.

CUNY has signed a contract with Apple to participate in iTunesU. We will be running a pilot project during the remainder of this semester, with a demonstrable product by May 30.

New Business

The committee discussed whether there is a meaningful distinction to be made between information and technology literacy. The related issues are: what material needs to be integrated into the curriculum, what material can be covered by online learning modules, and what material, if any, should be required of all students.

Alexandra deLuise gave a presentation on the status of her efforts to evaluate student Information and Communication Technology (ICT) proficiency. Eleven CUNY campuses are participating on a grant to administer the iSkills ICT proficiency exam to students; QC needs 200 student participants.

The iSkills exam is an Educational Testing Service product that measures various skills identified as elements of information literacy.

The committee expressed an interest in seeing whether performance on the iSkills test could be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the courses at The College that purport to teach information literacy: Library 150, English 112, and Computer Science 12.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Vickery
Recording Secretary