

QUEENS COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE
TECHNOLOGY AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: May 7, 2008

Attendance

Members: E. Fernández, A. Love, C. Vickery, K. Popkin, and Sunghee Shin.

Ex Officio: K. Lord, and R. Shaddy, Markus Erndl (representing N. Husain).

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. in the Chief Librarian's conference room.

Minutes of the meeting of March 19 were approved.

Announcements

Sunghee Shin has agreed to serve as A. Love's replacement on the committee during the Fall 2008 semester while Prof. Love is on sabbatical.

Ex Officio Reports

Lord:

BlackBoard 8, to replace BlackBoard 6, is scheduled to come on line by the end of May. Courses will transition to the new system, possibly for the fall semester. Procedural issues remain to be resolved.

iTunes University is proceeding slowly, but in a positive direction.

Twelve applications have been received for the instructional designer position.

Shaddy:

Alexandra deLuise needs students for the project she described to us last time; would it be possible to recruit entire classes to serve as participants? Please contact her, or R. Shaddy, with possibilities.

The Art Center on the sixth floor of BRL has been renovated; second floor carpeting has been replaced; additional electrical outlets have been added to the Twomey Lounge; looking to update lighting and some of the furniture on Level 1. Student government is helping with the financing. Borough of Queens grants are providing funding for renovations on Levels 2, 3, and 4. The Armstrong archives will be moving to Corona in 2009, and that space will then be used for special collections.

Next year will be the 45th anniversary of the "freedom summer," and there are plans for a special collection and for various events to mark the anniversary. Library will be facilitator as well as home for materials.

Tech Fee has funded laptop, database, and media center projects.

Erndl

BlackBoard print management module: reduce waste by charging for printing (10 cents per page for b/w; 25 for color); with students given a budgeted number of free pages. Done through ADS accounts, not BlackBoard accounts.

BlackBoard door access system: handles multiple roles for individuals, which old Identia Pass system did not. Powdermaker and Science Building systems to be updated. Role definitions to be made consistent across campus.

Live.edu will replace Lotus Notes for student email. But the system does not support IMAP or encryption, so that Microsoft receives all information in plain text. New domain name for student email will be qmail.cuny.

edu. There remain issues to be resolved.

Server Management: May 4 memo from Sue Henderson may have given the impression that all servers on campus will have to be physically moved to OCT. Rather, OCT will provide physical housing and management for servers on request. The issue of securing sensitive information can partially be addressed by such a move.

New Business

Our ex-officio members (Husain, Lord, and Shaddy) will each prepare statements of their accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities for the past academic year by mid-June. Chair Fernández will assemble them into a report over the summer that we will submit to the Senate in September.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Vickery
Recording Secretary