Queens College  
Academic Senate  
Technology and Library Committee

Meeting Date: October 29, 2008

Attendance
Ex Officio: J. Barnes (OCT), K. Lord, and R. Shaddy.

Call To Order, Approval Of Agenda, & Approval Of Previous Minutes
The chair called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm in the Chief Librarian’s conference room; minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2008 were approved.

Announcements
None.

Committee Reports
Library: R. Shaddy distributed the attached report covering the library’s master plan, additional hours, the fall book sale, an exhibit in the Barham Rotunda, and the iSkills test.

Educational Technology: K. Lord reported on the need for OCT and the Library to coordinate the services they provide; both R. Shaddy and J. Barnes agreed. Barnes cited the need for funding; Shaddy indicated the Library’s readiness to shed secondary services, such as photocopying. Pharos is a transaction management service that can control any paper/ink/microfiche system, and can be extended to café purchases, and other sorts of transactions.

Ed-Tech Day “went very well.” The transition to Blackboard 8 is moving along with some test accounts already in place; it is incompatible with podcasting, for now. Boone Gorges is the new Educational Technologist, serving on a substitute HEO line; a search for a permanent position will follow.

Old Business
None

New Business
The committee discussed guideline recommendations for online courses of various types. This topic will be taken up again at our next meeting.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Vickery
Recording Secretary