

Library Technology and Telecommunications Senate Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: September 10^{th} , 2017

Attendance: Ron Bergmann, Stephen Castellano, Sherry Deckman, Raymond Diaz, Stefanie Havelka, Vincent Sandella, Kenneth Schlesinger, Olena Zhadko

Student Senator Representatives:

Excused: Anna Luerssen, Assistant VP/ITR, Edi Ruiz, Susan Markens

Library Report:

CUNY Office of Library Services awarded Lehman College \$121,185 for development of *Open Educational Resources* - free online textbooks created by Lehman faculty.

\$39,000 is committed towards Faculty Incentives.

\$2,000 will fund 12 Course Developers - with \$500 allocated to Instructors teaching individual sections. Balance of \$82,185 will underwrite Course Support and printing fees for students. Some funding will be allocated to library staffing support and professional development. Total estimated savings for students in the first year on Textbooks is: **\$224,865**. Number of students served: **2,079**

Library announces launch of new website. Site is clean, clear, and easy to navigate.

Library is collaborating with English Department on an iPad Loan Program. The iPads come loaded with software applications to support the Course.

Library will soon open a new Leisure Reading section in the Lobby for the purpose of providing students with supplementary reading resources.

On October 4th - Library offers Reading of Victoria Sanford, Katerina Stefatos, and Cecilia Salvi's <u>Gender Violence in Peace and War</u>.

Division of Information Technology:

The IT Division provided a demo of the exciting new Lehman 360 platform. Lehman 360 was developed based on the need for students, faculty and staff to have a holistic view of student information. It is an intuitive and visual tool that provides relevant and actionable information in support of the 90x30 initiative. Built as a platform, it can easily interact with other systems. Demos will be provided in the coming weeks and we encourage all students and faculty to try it and share your feedback.

The IT Division has also worked with B&G to update the faculty lab in the IT Center. IT has updated the computers and is bringing Blackboard, CUNYfrst and professional development resources closer to students and faculty. Please speak with help desk staff who will be happy to provide an orientation to the updated space.

Vice President and Chief Information Officer Mr. Ron Bergmann has been named among America's Top 30-Technologists, Transformers and Trailblazers by The Center for Digital Education

Blackboard Report

The new CUNY Login (IMS) went into effect on July 3. The university community now access Bb with same credentials at CUNYfirst. Additional systems accepting the new CUNY Login are: DegreeWorks and Facts. More CUNY systems are scheduled to follow in the not too distant future.

Users should understand that upon logging in to Bb, the user is all accessing CUNYfirst and the reverse is true as well. Users should be mindful to completely log out of both systems and close their browser.

There is a new Blackboard App for Students and Instructors. The App is available for both iOS and Android Devices. Download the FREE App at the App Store and Play Store. For Students: You will see everything that you would see displayed on your computer. Faculty will be able to do anything they would do on a desktop or laptop. Students, we recommend that you DO NOT take a test on your smartphone.

The Bb Instructor and Student apps are updated monthly.

Another Bb Upgrade is coming in December. The exact dates of the upgrade have not been determined by our Bb Management Group. We will be consulting with the Registrars to learn the days that would best fit for the upgrade. There are no major changes to the user experience with the new Bb Upgrade. Upgrades are all on the back-end and on the Administrator side.

Online Education

In June 2017, twenty-one (21) Lehman faculty have successfully completed a two-week professional development program developed by the Office of Online Education at Lehman College with the support of the Lehman Library, and CUNY SPS, with a plan in hand to adopt OER to support student learning.

The Division of Enrollment Management and the Office of Online Education welcomed a new member of their team, Joan Draper, an Online Enrollment Specialist, this July. In this role, Joan is engaged in admissions, advisement and enrollment functions for online students.

Online Education has prepared a handout with institutionally supported educational technologies as well as professional development opportunities for faculty teaching online, hybrid and with technology. You can pick up a copy on the table outside the room.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Havelka and Stephen Castellano Co-Chairs