



Library Technology and Telecommunications Senate Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: November 2, 2016

Attendance: Rebecca Arzola, VP Ron Bergmann, Stephen Castellano, Sherry Deckman, Raymond Diaz, Stefanie Havelka, Pedro Laureano (Guest), Leslie Lieman (Guest), Anna Luerssen, Sean O'Heir, Abu Ruhath (Student Senator), Kenneth Schlesinger, Olena Zhadko

Excused: Ms. Edi Ruiz, Mr. Vincent Sandella

Library

1. Chief Librarian, Kenneth Schlesinger announced the progress of four Strategic Initiative Projects:
 - a. Online editing for videotaped interviews with Faculty about research
 - b. Financial incentives for Faculty to develop Open Textbooks [OER]
 - c. License LibWizard to create interactive Tutorials and assessment module
 - d. Marketing budget to educate Faculty about advantages of OER [Speakers].

The Library was awarded \$ 10,000.00 in seed funds to develop these projects.

2. CUNY-Wide Library Amnesty Program runs from November 14th-23rd. The Amnesty Program forgives fines for overdue books only! The program does not include technology.
3. The History Department's Robyn Spencer will offer a reading from: *THE REVOLUTION HAS COME: Black Power, Gender and The Black Panther Party in Oakland*. The reading takes place on Tuesday, November 29th between 5-6pm in The Library Treehouse/Conference Room 317.
4. Stefanie Havelka announced an upcoming workshop: Protecting Your Privacy Online: Tools and Techniques. The program will be held on Wednesday, November 16th from 12:30-2pm. Attendees will learn why access and privacy are critical to library patrons.
5. The Library invites Student Government Association to meet with the to discuss 24-hour Study Hall access during the Final Exam period: December 14th-December 21st.

Division of Information Technology

VP Ron Bergmann presented on a new project that is in the development stages. The project, Lehman 360 is in the design stages and upon completion, will provide a unified picture of the student: from courses, grades and major to student co-curricular activities and clubs. Lehman 360 will be student-centered and, when complete, will provide personalized Scholarship Opportunities, Academic Status, Degree Requirements and Digital Badges.

Lehman 360 will also provide advisors/departments with actionable information at the right time to assist students. Development will take place under the guidance of the Advising Workgroup and will include student, faculty and advisor input and feedback.

IT also announced that the Student Technology Fee process has started and that proposals are due to Department Chairs by December 5th. An email was distributed on November 4th. More information is available on the Student Tech Fee website.

Online Education

1. Mr. Stephen Castellano announced that Blackboard will be undergoing an upgrade beginning on December 27th @ 6:30am-December 28th at 8pm. During this time period, Blackboard will be unavailable. The annual upgrade will NOT introduce any new user features. However, Bb will have a “cleaner, updated” look. The upgrade will include some database upgrades.

Castellano also announced an updated Blackboard Course Template which will be available for Winter/Spring 2017. The template is easy to navigate for students and will streamline effort for faculty using Blackboard. Online Education will be producing a short video-tour for the community announcing the new template.

2. Winter/Spring 2017 course shells are in the process of being created and will be available before the Thanksgiving break.
3. The Office of Online Education will be providing training on the use of Lehman’s new media repository, YuJa. A session is scheduled for November 17th. Please watch your e-mail for an announcement
4. Leslie Lieman provided the committee with a brief overview of her Strategic Initiative grant regarding Digital Accessibility and Universal Design.

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 7nd at 11am in the ITR Conference Room (Carman Hall/Room 162)

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Havelka and Stephen Castellano

Co-Chairs