



## Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee Meeting Report

### Library

- Library has extended hours for student study: 2-Hours for Study; 2-Hours for Computer use; 1-Hour for Scanning; and 5-minutes for Book Pickup-Return. Limit of 35 Patrons and staff on first floor remains in effect. Library has simplified access process. Make your appointment on LibCal. Visit Library Homepage for more details. Library encourages College community to visit.
- Library announces Online Reference Pilot. Meet with a Reference Librarian every Tuesday and Wednesday between 2:00 – 5:00 PM via Zoom. Chat, e-mail, and telephone support still available.
- Library encourages College community to return outstanding library books. Physical books available for check out. Books may be requested from other CUNY Libraries via OneSearch catalog.
- Library and History Department announce Reading and Discussion of Benjamin Holtzman's The Long Crisis: New York City and Path to Neoliberalism, Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

### Information Technology

- Division of Information Technology reported that the college's plans are moving forward to upgrade 172 classrooms with state-of-art technology including: new computers and podiums, laser video projectors, audio systems, cameras and mics. Two sample rooms are completed and faculty will be invited to review and provide feedback. Hy-flex technology is in place in more than 40-classrooms on campus. Technical Assistance is also available on request to instructors using the technology to assist in making the process as streamlined as possible.
- October is National Cybersecurity month and you will be receiving emails with tips on managing the increase in malicious "phishing" and malware emails directed to students, faculty, and staff. Students are reminded to not reply to job offers from unknown senders, and we should all never provide personal, confidential information in response to an email. Please continue to be vigilant

### Blackboard

- Our Bb environment will undergo an upgrade to SaaS (Software as a Service) later this fall. The upgrade is planned for December 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. During the Upgrade Period, Bb will not be available. When Bb becomes available, the

community will have the latest updates and fixes. We will no longer need to take Bb offline to do the upgrades as Bb will be in “the cloud” and updates will become transparent.

- Our Spring 2022 Courses will be created beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am presently working on revisions to our Lehman course template.