



Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 28th, 2021

Next Meeting: Late August 2021-TBA

Location: ZOOM

Attendance: Ronald Bergmann, Stephen Castellano, John Delooper, Sherry Deckman, Michelle Ehrenpreis, Susan Ko, Joseph Mohorcich, Kenneth Schlesinger, Jennifer Van Allen: Student Senator Representatives: Caleb Kim and Nadine Zerphey, Kayme Marcelimo

Excused: Jennifer McCabe, Donna McGregor

Library

- Library reminds faculty to request Reserve materials early for Fall 2021 Courses to allow time for Library staff to research and order materials. Library Homepage has details.
- Library faculty Michelle Ehrenpreis and John Delooper provided informative presentation on LTI resource available in Blackboard. This powerful tool can be customized to incorporate specific subject Research Guides to provide students with point-of-need research access.
- Library's Stephen Walker offered demonstration of video streaming service AVON. Please access AVON from Library's A-Z Databases. Repository contains over 72,000 film and media titles.
- On April 20th – Library co-sponsored Poetry Reading, *Sisters in Struggle and Song*, with nearly 400 registrants for well-received event.

Information Technology

- IT is collaborating with Academic Affairs, Finance and Administration, and Enrollment Management in the area of classroom technology to support the fall semester. Among the plans being discussed are upgrading classrooms with enhanced tools to support the faculty members choice of in person and remote teaching and learning modes. The Office of Online Education as well as IT will be providing professional development to support faculty, and we intend to hire students during the fall semester to provide classroom technical support and assist with the new technology. We expect to have 20 mobile carts and more than 20 fixed classrooms in place by the beginning of August and plan to use the Logitech "MEET-UP" web conferencing solution for this purpose.

- ITR is also planning to develop two model classrooms where faculty can come to test classroom technologies and provide feedback. We are hoping that the prototype classrooms will be available by the fall.
- Like many of you, IT has been very concerned about the increase in malicious “phishing” email directed to students, faculty, and staff. New technologies to reduce this for our students have been approved by the tech fee committee and more information will follow. Even with new technology, please continue to be vigilant and do not reply to job offers or provide personal, confidential information in response to unknown senders.

Blackboard

- The Bronx Ed Tech Showcase is coming up on Friday, May 7th. The showcase is an ALL DAY virtual event. The showcase is a collaborative effort between the three Bronx CUNY Colleges that aims to showcase the technology that is used to support the instructional mission of the colleges.
- Our summer 2021 course template will feature a new content area: Student Counseling, Health and Wellness. This new content area is a “one-stop location” for students to find mental health resources, help with housing, food insecurity and more. Lehman Counseling Resources and NYC Resources are available.

Online Education

- The Preparation for Teaching Online Workshops will be starting up again on June 7th. Please mail: online.education@lehman.cuny.edu to register
- Enhancing Your (Online or Hybrid) Course through the Use of Open Educational Resources Workshop – June 14-25

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