



Library Technology and Telecommunications Senate Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: March 29, 2017

Attendance: VP and CIO Ron Bergmann, Stephen Castellano, Raymond Diaz, Stefanie Havelka, Sean O’Heir, Anna Luerssen, Kenneth Schlesinger

Student Senator Representatives: Alex Florex-Feliz and Abu Rahath (Excused)

Excused: Susan Markens, Vincent Sandella

Library Report:

- Substantial new technology has been installed in the Library. There are 50-VDI units installed for use in the Library (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure). By the end of the Spring semester, close to 100 VDI systems will be installed in the Library. The student reaction has been positive. Throughout the college there are close to 600 VDI systems installed.
- On April 10th 9a-2pm. Library systems will be unavailable due to migrate the services to a more secure network. The work will be performed during Spring Break and the impact should be low to students.
- The Library 24-hour access upcoming final exam period: May 13th-25th.
- The Library has been working with The College Health and Wellness Programs to deliver three exercise bikes to the Library. The bikes are intended to give patrons a chance to take a study break and get some exercise.
- The Library is participating in the ONE BOOK-ONE NEW YORK event. The winning book is AMERICANAH by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. The Library is sponsoring an introduction to the novel with a faculty panel discussion featuring: Professors Bertrade Nanoum, Anne Rice (African and Womens Studies) and Professor Susan Watson-Turner of Music, Multimedia and Dance. Please RSVP by April 24th by calling college extension: 7756. A free download of AMERICANAH is available through June
- The Library and History Department present Professor Chuck Wooldridge’s new book CITY OF VIRTUES on Thursday, April 27th @ 11am in Library Conference Room-317. Please register for the reading by calling college extension: 7756
- The Library is considering developing an iPad Loan Program. The details of iPad security and installed applications on the devices must still be determined.

Division of Information Technology:

- The Tech Free Process has concluded. Vice President Ron Bergmann reported that the process went very well and that excellent feedback was received regarding improving the process for next year. Special Thanks for the excellent contributions from our student members

Online Education

- The Office of Online Education is presently conducting a Master Course Design Institute. The program is designed to provide instructors with the necessary tools to develop and teach online.
- Students now have the ability to change their name in CUNYfirst to a “preferred name” rather than their legal name. To assist faculty, The student EMPID number is now posted in the Blackboard Grade Center in the STUDENT ID Column
- The Office of Online Education is pleased to announce that the 5th Annual Bronx Ed Tech Showcase will be held at Bronx Community College on Friday, April 28th. This event is a collaborative effort between the CUNY Colleges in the Bronx. The showcase aims to demonstrate educational technologies that are being used to teach our students. More information is available at: CUNY.is/bronxedtech. Students are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Havelka and Stephen Castellano
Co-Chairs