

# Library Technology and Telecommunications Senate Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: August 25th 11 AM-12 N Meeting Location: Virtual

Attendance: Ron Bergmann, Stephen Castellano, Sherry Deckman, John DeLooper, Jennifer McCabe, Joseph Mohorcich, Kenneth Schlesinger, Jennifer Van Allen

Student Senator Representatives: Mr. Caleb Kim

## **Library Report:**

#### \*\* LIBRARY REOPENING

With Lehman's campus reopening -- Library will be gradually reopening to College community with limited services.

#### Some highlights:

- Only Main floor is open with advance reservation on LibCal required. You will be contacted when entry is available on Q-less system.
- Please mask and maintain social distance.
- Services only available to Lehman community [students, faculty, staff]
- Please present Lehman ID [card or digital] upon entry
- Following services available: One Hour for study seat or computer session; 30-minute scanning session; 5-minute Book Pickup-Return. You will be prompted when session is expiring.
- Patrons must adhere to Library Access Guidelines or compromise future entry privileges
- Library website prominently displays all Reopening information

## LIBRARY READING

Library and Philosophy Department present Reading and Discussion of Naomi Zack's <u>American Tragedy of COVID 19</u>: <u>Social and Political Crisis of 2020</u>, Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

## **Division of Information Technology**

\*\* Hy-Flex Learning has started at Lehman College. Hy-Flex learning employs the technology to provide choice for students where some class members can be in-person in the classroom and some online with a near classroom experience. Professor Sherry Deckman from the School of Education facilitated a demonstration of Hy-Flex attended by CUNY Chancellor Matos-Rodriguez on the first day of class with the President the Provost and some students who were very excited about Hy-Flex. Lehman has the Hy-

flex Technology for 42-classrooms this semester. Going forward, 172 classrooms and 4 lecture halls on campus will be receiving a tech upgrade.

- \*\* The IT Center in Carman Hall is open for students at reduced capacity. The center can accommodate 49-students. Students must reserve with Libcal. Students may reserve one-hour blocks of time
- \*\* The Carman Café has been transformed to a study space which can accommodate 25-students who can take an on-line class in-between in person classes. There are study carrols and powerstips for devices. Lonare laptops and headsets are available for students wishing to attend on online classes.
- \*\* Students in need of technology may visit: www,lehman.edu/coronaviris and complete a form to reserve a Chromebook or iPad. Students can also visit fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit to determine if their household is eligible for a \$50 reduction in wi-fi service.

#### **Blackboard Report**

- \*\* CUNY Bb will be undergoing an upgrade this December following the end of the semester. Bb will be upgraded to what is known as: Software As A Service (SaaS) Bb will be in the cloud.
- \*\* CUNY is investigating other Learning Management Systems-Systems like Blackboard. I (Stephen Castellano) am pleased to report to you that I have been selected to participate on a university-wide advisory committee on reviewing the proposals presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Castellano
Chair, Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee