Library, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee
Minutes
12 November 2014
Library – Treehouse Conference Room

Attendees: Stephen Castellano, Thierno Diallo, Raymond Diaz, Mine Doyran, John Varant Figueroa, John Ongley, Jennifer Poggiali, MD Rahman, Vincent Sandella, Kenneth Schlesinger [Administrator], John Schriner
Excused: Ronald Bergmann, John Dono, Susan Markens, Scott Saccomano
Guest: Michael Ferraro

Approval of Minutes
Minutes approved from October 8th meeting.

Election of Chair
Stephen Castellano was nominated to serve as Committee Chair for 2014-2015 – and elected by acclamation.

IMLS Grant: Information Literacy Animated Character – Michael Ferraro, Jennifer Poggiali
Art's Michael Ferraro and Library's Jennifer Poggiali presented findings from recent $25K Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant to develop *Jasmyn,* an Animated Information Literacy Advocate. Using *Kabuki* software – they adapted a Web Comic character who can provide both scripted video demos and live, interactive presentations on using Critical

Thinking to successfully assess and evaluate accuracy of information.

Jasmyn is a feisty Bronx girl with lots of *'tude.* In Focus Groups – Lehman students responded positively to her. Both Library and College have much potential in adapting her for multiple pedagogical applications.

Library Report – Schlesinger
Chief Librarian reported on several recent updates:

- *STEM Proposal* has been approved by both Council of Chief Librarians and Academic Council [Provosts]. It will provide consortial access to six major Science databases. CUNY Central has pledged $1M to underwrite initiative – but implementation still requires further investment from local campus.

- CUNY Board of Trustees approved Contracts for Elsevier [ScienceDirect], Wiley, and omnibus contract for $75M over next five years, which will permit licensing under $5M without Board approval

- Retired Faculty Access to Electronic Resources – Lehman can provide Retirees *.ret* e-mail addresses to facilitate remote access to electronic resources – but still needs to be resolved whether this benefit is for Emeritus faculty only or all retired faculty

- *OneSearch* – Faculty feedback about new central search box on Library homepage indicates it's hard to perform

searches and there are confusing login issues. Library recommends *OneSearch* primarily for undergraduate research. It's in beta form and Office of Library Services welcomes feedback. Login must address authentication issues for remote access to databases.

Information Technology Report – Castellano, Sandella
Concerns expressed about College not having budget for periodic faculty and staff computer replacement – as well as need for networked printers in faculty offices.

IT's response is that Departments have been requested to fund computer replacements as College funds are no longer available for systematic replacement. However – small amount of Compact funds can be applied to computers for new and continuing faculty. Further – Virtual Desktop Implementation – being piloted as we speak – will extend life, reduce replacement costs, and lessen hardware dependency in future.

Procurement is currently exploring initiative to order networked printers with print-photocopy-scan capabilities.

IT recently launched Fall newsletter and enhanced website.

Blackboard Upgrade – Castellano
Castellano announced Blackboard upgrade scheduled for December 29th for 36 hours with minimal conflict. Please anticipate improvements in student preview function, course messaging, statistics generation, and access to ePortfolios.

Student E-Mail

Student Affairs has new campaign encouraging Lehman students to use and frequently check their *lc* accounts for critical College communications. Further – CUNYfirst access and Course Registration are both handled through these e-mail accounts.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 3rd at 11:00 AM in Library Conference Room 201.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Schlesinger