

Library, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee
Minutes
8 October 2014
Library Conference Room

Attendees: Stephen Castellano, Raymond Diaz, Mine Doyran, John Varant Figueroa, Sharon Jordan, Scott Saccomano, Vincent Sandella, Kenneth Schlesinger [Administrator], John Schriener
Excused: Ronald Bergmann, John Dono, Susan Markens
Guest: Michael Ferraro

Chair Election

Individual expressed interest in serving as Chair. We should have new Chair in place by November Senate meeting.

Library Report – Schlesinger

Chief Librarian reported on following new developments in Library:

- *OneSearch* – Google-style Search Box on Library Homepage – consisting of Library Catalog, eBooks, and 80-90% of electronic databases. Encourage undergraduate students to use it. Beta form: welcome feedback and recommendations.
- *Textbook Initiative Funds* – Library received \$109K Compact Funds to support purchase of textbook and related materials. New York City Council very concerned about high cost of textbooks for students. Funds can be utilized to support faculty initiatives in developing Open Textbook resources.
- STEM Proposal – Council of Chief Librarians developed ambitious consortial Proposal for licensing six major STEM-related databases for CUNY Libraries. Vice Chancellor for Research pledged \$1M to underwrite initiative. Presented at Academic Council [Provosts] – greeted with receptivity. Proposal would entail additional financial commitment from individual college administration. Proposal currently under review by Provost Morrobel-Sosa.
- Institutional Repository – Executive Vice Chancellor approved \$350K to facilitate construction of new Portal featuring faculty research, scholarship, and creative work at CUNY campuses. Under development.

Information Technology Report – Sandella

Vincent Sandella updated group on following initiatives:

- Active Directory – In process of being implemented campus-wide. Already in place in Library.
- SSPM – Self-Service Password Management system. 80% of HelpDesk problems involve expired or forgotten Passwords.
- Lehman One – Single sign-on system for Students should go live end of October

- Spamming – Recent disturbing events at College. Took much time to remedy. Please carefully review – and never respond to – potential Phishing requests. Under no circumstances ever reveal your UserName-Password information to third-party.
- Encryption – Look for upcoming announcement about data encryption for user devices and personal-research data
- Windows 7 – Huge campus project migrating from XP to Windows 7 nearing completion
- Virtual Desktop Initiative – Will facilitate remote and global updating of machines – ultimately include classrooms and labs. Pilot in place at Library.

CUNY 2020 – Digital Media Grant – Ferraro

Art Department's Michael Ferraro joined us to discuss this new \$5M Grant awarded to partnership of Hostos, Macaulay Honors College, and Lehman. This will develop Digital Media curriculum, student cohort for job creation, as well as Incubation Lab for project development. Student entrepreneurs will participate in Apprenticeship Program, which will foster scholarship and research in gaming, computer animation, and virtual reality.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 12th, 11:00 AM, Library Treehouse Conference Room 317

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Schlesinger