

QUEENS COLLEGE TECHNOLOGY AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: October 13, 2010

Attendance: E. Fernández, K. Jainarain, T. Szlezak, E. Vesselinov, and C. Vickery

Ex Officio: H. Jacome (OCT), K. Lord, M. Prasad (OCT), and R. Shaddy

Call To Order, Approval Of Agenda, & Approval Of Previous Minutes

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 in the Chief Librarian's conference room.

Minutes from November, 2009; December, 2009; and February, 2010 were approved.

Announcements

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Two student applications for the Technology Fee Task Force were approved: Baruch Lane and Joanna Lund-Pop (renewal).

The issue of email policies for students and faculty was discussed. Problems include: perceived unreliability of the Lotus Notes system, possibly less warranted now than previously, but past users are not aware of improvements; lack of clearly articulated guidelines and policies regarding integration of the official college email system with email systems people use in the non-academic portion of their lives; the puzzle of how to use email to communicate reliably with students under Blackboard; lack of transparency on the part of the University's IT steering committee.

The possibility of using Twitter/Facebook/RSS for providing status notifications of technical resources on campus was discussed, with general agreement that these technologies could be implemented relatively easily and to good advantage.

K. Lord raised the question of whether Blackboard's Mobile Learn feature should be enabled. The free version that is available works only with a select subset of mobile devices currently in use, effectively disenfranchising students who have a "wrong" device. The committee agreed to recommend *not* to enable this feature.

The committee began discussion of issues related to the committee's charter, which is outdated with respect to role, structure, and terminology. The issue will be revisited at our next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Vickery
Recording Secretary