



## Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee

**Meeting Time/Date:** 11:00 am/Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**Attendance:** Ronald Bergmann, Stephen Castellano, Raymond Diaz, Mine Doyran, Stefanie Havelka, Sharon Jordan, Anna Luerssen, Kenneth Schlesinger

**Excused:** Vincent Sandella, John Dono

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting of May 15, 2015 were approved

### Meeting Agenda

**Library Report:** Chief Librarian Kenneth Schlesinger reported on the renovation and upgrade of Leonard Lief Library. The project will include renovating and upgrading three computer labs located on the lower level. First floor renovation and upgrades include redesign of the Circulation, Reference Desk, and Help Desk. Plan calls for addition of new Student Group Study Rooms, refreshed technology, furniture, painting, and carpeting. Access and Technology Center will be relocated to first floor to facilitate access. Both Phases described will cost \$4.2M. Many thanks to New York City Council and Bronx Delegation for their support.

Schlesinger provided update on CUNY Libraries' STEM Initiative that licenses set of six major STEM-related electronic resources. These databases support the STEM curriculum - as well as faculty research. Lehman's share for this major package is \$173K. Library, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee endorses campus need for these critical resources.

Library invites the college community to *Academic Works: Repository for Lehman Scholarship and Creative Work* on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:00 PM in Lab B27C. Please contact Rebecca Arzola for additional information

**Division of Information Technology Report:** Ronald Bergmann provided a report on the launch of the Lehman College Mobile Central app. The mobile app was developed by the Divisions of Student Affairs and Information Technology with significant input from student leaders. It became available during late August and is available as a free download from the App Store or Google Play. The app allows students to view their class schedule, grades, academic calendar, library access, Blackboard Support. Visiting and perspective students can view a map, get directions to Lehman, learn about student support services and more.

Mr. Bergmann also reported significant upgrades to campus technology. Over the summer of 2015, with funding in part from the Tech Fee, wireless access on campus has increased significantly in Gillete Hall and Carman Hall. Mr. Bergmann reported that a new reservation system is in place allowing students and faculty to reserve Media Technology Resources equipment over the internet. Faculty will also receive confirmation of their equipment reservations and also be able to make recurring reservations for resources.

Mr. Bergmann also reported on the E-Text Book Pilot program that is being conducted this semester with three class sections in an Macroeconomics course in the Department of Business and Economics. We believe this pilot is among the first of its kind in CUNY.

**Online Education/Technology Report:** Stephen Castellano reported that the Online RN to BS Program is off to a great start with the commencement of the fall 2015 semester. The program is designed for students who are presently licensed RN's in NY State and have their Associates Degree from an accredited 2-year program. The Online RN to BS program has 30-students enrolled and interest in the program continues to be very high.

Castellano also reported on the Blackboard outages that the user community has been experiencing at the start of the semester. While CUNY CIS has been helpful in providing the user community with updates, CUNY CIS has yet to provide a complete report of why we are experiencing the continuing issues. Blackboard Managed Hosting has replaced some hardware that is part of the CUNY environment. This hardware replacement has provided some resolution.

Castellano reported on the loss of iTunes U (Private iTunes) and the adoption of Lehman College Digital Connect as a repository for instructional video. There is now a solid connection between Blackboard and Lehman College Digital Connect.

**New Business:** There were no items to present.

**Next Meeting:** Next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) @ 11am in the Library Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Castellano, Chairperson