



Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee

Meeting Time/Date: 11:00 am/Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

Attendance: Ron Bergmann, Stephen Castellano, Raymond Diaz, Mine Doyran, Stefanie Halveka, Maria Hernandez, Sharon Jordan, Anna Luerssen, Kemar Porter, Edi Ruiz, Vincent Sandella, Kenneth Schlesinger

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of the October 2015 were accepted

Meeting Agenda

Library Report: Chief Librarian Kenneth Schlesinger and Instructional Technologist Stefanie Halveka announced the acquisition of The Hoover Database. A database used by students majoring in Business and Economics to perform in-depth research on companies.

Division of Information Technology Report: Vice President and Chief Information Officer Ron Bergmann introduced that this year's technology fee will have a theme. The theme for the 2016 technology fee proposals is: The Use of Instructional Technology in the Classroom. The process of applying for technology fee funding was also introduced. The call for tech fee proposals will be sent out to the college community in the coming weeks.

Mr. Bergmann also highlighted some items that the current tech fee purchased including: Improved wireless access throughout the college campus, new technology available for use in the classrooms and the Open Center. Mr. Bergmann also stressed that Tech Fee Funding is designed to respond to the needs of the students.

Mr. Bergmann also presented the topic of encryption of computers. Computer encryption will keep the data on office and mobile technology used at Lehman College secure. A plan is being developed to encrypt all college computers. Computer encryption is required by CUNY.

In addition, Mr. Bergmann also introduced remote access. Remote access will allow user services to trouble shoot and possibly remedy a problem computer remotely without a technician visit.

Online Education/Technology Report: Stephen Castellano reported on the technical resolution of the recent Blackboard issues that Lehman College and all of CUNY has been experiencing. The technical issue has been resolved. The resolution is Blackboard Managed Hosting has provided CUNY with a totally isolated LMS environment. The isolation of CUNY's blackboard

environment has resulted in a 20% increase in performance. Users will notice the Bb will perform faster when moving from content area to content area within a course.

Lehman College continues to be a leader in CUNY with nearly 25% of all courses offered falling into the category of Fully Online, Hybrid or Web Enhanced. Lehman's total enrollments in all modes of instruction: Fully Online, Hybrid or Web Enhanced is 12,398. 49% of all courses offered at Lehman College use Blackboard.

New Business: There were no items to present.

Next Meeting: Next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd @ 11am in the Library Tree House

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Castellano, Chairperson