

Queensborough Community College
of the City University of New York
Minutes of the Library Committee
A Standing Committee of the Academic Senate

Date: November 22, 2017

Room: Library 224

Committee Members in Attendance:

Prof. Joanne Chang (Committee Chair), Prof. Jeanne Galvin (Chief Librarian and Presidential Delegate), Prof. Larisa Honey, Prof. Danny Mangra, Prof. James Timbilla, Prof. Agnieszka Tuszynska (Secretary), Prof. Biao Wang, and Prof. Sujun Wei

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from October 18, 2017 reviewed and approved with minor changes.

Changes: 1) Professors Danny Mangra and James Timbilla were absent with excuse. 2) Library computers are now recycled every five years, not every four years as originally stated.

CUNY Five-Year Master Plan:

Follow-up discussion of the CUNY Five-Year Master Plan for keeping technology part of Library with Darryl Williams, chair of Computer Technology and eLearning. Mr. Williams presented an annual update on the plan and informed us about the emphasis on virtualization as part of the five-year plan. That involves “travelling computer”—a system that allows for content to travel from one computer to any computer around campus. English Department was the pilot department for this new development and now they will implement it across campus. This is a CUNY-wide initiative.

Given that the library is often open when the rest of the departments are not, desktop content travelling with a particular user will help students who come to the library when laboratories are closed and who want to use the software from other departments. This will also be helpful to professors who have specific software on their office computers and who so far have not been able to teach with that software in their classrooms.

Disability Bathroom Conversion:

Follow-up discussion on the disability bathroom conversion. Prof. Chang emailed the Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues and the Office for Services for Students with Disabilities. The chair of the committee responded and said she would invite Prof. Chang to their committee’s next meeting.

Prof. Chang reported on a conversation with a wheelchair user who told her that the problem with bathroom inaccessibility is not specific to the library building but rather it is a campus-wide problem. Currently, the entrance to individual stalls in both men's and women's bathrooms in the library building is too narrow to fit a wheelchair.

'Fitness while Studying' Project:

Discussion regarding finalizing the project 'Fitness while Studying.' Professor Chang had received a response from the QCC lawyer, Lois Florman, and has asked for further assistance. Jane Davis, who is the CUNY counsel for copyright issues, had not responded.

New Business:

Discussion of help offered by QCC librarians concerning predatory publishing.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by

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