

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

Date: October 18, 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. Agnieszka Tuszynska, Prof. Biao Wang, and Prof. Sujun Wei

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from May 10, 2017 reviewed and approved

ADA Website Approval:

Members briefly discussed the ADA approval of websites.

CUNY Five-Year Master Plan:

Follow-up discussion of the plan for keeping technology part of the library. Prof. Galvin: computers are recycled every four years. The library requested more laptops and was able to get them. The library will be acquiring more computers. Room L-311 will become a new computer classroom, to be opened in Spring 2018 (previously, it was used for books some of which have been relocated to the stacks and some of which have been weeded out). The new classroom will be helpful in solving the increased demand for scheduling library classes. The library will also be able to offer more workshops for the library faculty and for faculty in general, such as workshops on predatory publishers and conferences. Prof. Galvin reminded everyone that the library offers advice to faculty regarding predatory publishing.

Disability Bathroom:

Follow-up discussion of the issue of bathroom inaccessibility in the library building. Since repeated emails to Buildings and Grounds regarding this matter have remained unanswered for years, including a recent email, Prof. Galvin suggested approaching the Committee on Disability with a request to include this issue in their agenda, and thus strengthen the case for bathroom conversion. At this point, neither the 2nd floor nor the 3rd floor bathroom are compliant, creating potentially discouraging students with disabilities from coming to the building.

'Fitness while Studying' Project:

Discussion regarding finishing the project. Prof. Chang reported that she had emailed the college lawyer, Lois Florman, with a question about copyright issues related to the videos the committee intends to use, and was awaiting a reply. A suggestion was made to contact the attorney Jane Davis who is the CUNY counsel for copyright issues. Prof. Galvin also noted she would ask the QCC librarians who work on copyright about this matter.

Library Workshops:

Prof. Emily Tai has been asked to help obtain the total number of students who utilize the library workshops each semester or academic year.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by

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