

Senate Standing Committee on Computer Resources

Chair: Wendy Ford, Secretary: Nidhi Gadura

April 11, 2013 Meeting started at 1:15pm

Members Present: Wendy Ford, Nidhi Gadura, Hamid Namdar, Jeffrey Jia, Wenli Guo, VP Sherri Newcomb, Student Government Representative Joel Singleton

Members Absent: G Michael Guy, Amy Traver, Vazgen Shekoyan,

1. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor changes.
2. Hamid and Jia discussed Computer Resource Committee's Committee Guide. Page 4 General operations - Faculty does not represent the department, perhaps the committee chair should make it clear to the faculty when they first join the committee. Page 5, last paragraph should include a request to the department chairs not to schedule class Thursday 2-5pm. Meeting does not have to be in Humanities building. Amy sent over a few comments: membership for CLT to be on this committee and have a student representative on the committee. Joel said that student government announces committee openings and students select what interests them. Attachments to the Guide are just an example of what can be done rather than the content.
3. Surveys were discussed:
 - I. Student affairs tech survey – VP Newcomb said she will talk about it at the next meeting. Review of how computers are used in the library. She also wants to know how computers are used from a QCC facility point of view. It is in the strategic plan of QCC to create virtualization on campus. It will save a lot of space on campus and manage resources better.
 - II. Tech plan survey - Wendy will take a look at that before the end of the semester. Questions asked to the survey can be changed as we have not changed it since 2005. Bruce might be able to implement the survey. Committee should review not only questions but also the results so that we can eliminate things we no longer need answers to. We don't have to wait until 2015 to do another Tech Plan Survey. This committee should play a key role in making plans to next 5 years.
 - III. VP Newcomb says that her staff is working on a file for faculty textbook information to the bookstore from CUNYfirst.
4. Committee discussed that we should just have links to "How to do" guides for CUNYfirst frequently asked questions. Improve the email. Call Help Desk and ask them to resolve any broken links on CUNY central site.

5. Encourage QCC faculty to go to links already available on the website at the start of the semester.

6. Jeff contacted George Sherman in IT and asked if it is possible to offer a Computer security course higher than the basic. George said that the course that is currently offered is CUNY central driven and at this time they don't have resources to offer an upper level course.

7. Bruce can be asked if he is surveying faculty before he offers courses or does he get any requests from faculty for new courses. Committee will also ask him if faculty needs are being met by current course offering.

8. VP Newcomb discussed faculty development brochure on campus that should be coming out soon. Committee can look at the technology offerings they can provide their comments.

9. Nidhi will submit the Technology Grant proposal to Paul after Committee's approval.

10. We recommend that CLTs have their own committee across QCC and they can send their rep or Academic Senate CLT rep can.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.