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

Date: October 28, 2015

Room: Library 224

Committee Members in Attendance:

Prof. Joanne Chang (Committee Chair), Prof. Liz DiGiorgio, Prof. Jeanne Galvin (Chief Librarian and Presidential Delegate), Prof. Helmut Loeffler, Prof. James Timbilla, Prof. Sujun Wei, Sayma Chowdhury (Student Representative), Melissa Gomez (Student Representative), Maria Abreu (Student Representative), Bolaji Ayorinde (Student Representative), Michael Rawls (Student Representative). Ms. Lisa Scandaliato (Secretary, on maternal leave).

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of May 13, 2015 meeting updated and approved

Minutes:

- 1. Status of library restroom for disabled students on all floors Director Jeanne Galvin will follow up on this issue to new director of QCC Campus facility, Elizabeth.
- Additional desk space in the library The project of additional desk space on 2nd floor is done and well received by QCC students.
- 3. Library print and electronic resources The current status is great. The topic of loaning electronic devices such as Kindle to QCC students was discussed. Some student representatives favor e-books while other favors physical books. Different opinions were among faculties too. Director Jeanne Galvin concerned that one of the difficulties is to manage multiple copies in the devices. But she will find out the situation in other CUNY libraries and ask about the budget from QCC administration.
- 4. Art project of framing posters Liz DiGiorgio finished the previous poster frames over summer 2015. The budget requesting to frame the donation from previous library committee member Diane Carey is on the way. Liz thought about replacing small posters with big ones. But it's hard to order from commercial sources because they change prices constantly. The previous budget didn't cover all the posters and frames that our Committee selected, and that some of the larger posters were out of stock when our orders were placed. We wouldn't replace the small posters, but, rather, rehang them so that the larger ones would be in the larger and more prominent wall spaces.
- 5. Access security in the library

The security status in library is great according to Director Jeanne Galvin.

- 6. Weeding project---removing old books from shelf It's very subject dependent. Some art books increase their value over time, while science books may not. There is no massive weeding any more. Small scale of weeding usually takes place in summer.
- Library resources Student representatives expressed that more computers in library and textbooks for loaning would be desirable. The library hours were discussed as well. In addition of regular hours, there is online chat assistance from QCC library staff until 11pm.
- 8. The second floor Silent Study area is fully utilized and has been very useful to students since the opening on March 2015.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sujun Wei