

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York
MEMORANDUM

Academic Senate Committee on Computer Resources

To: Academic Senate

From: Amy Traver, Chair of the Committee on Computer Resources

Date: July 29, 2011

Subject: Annual Report of the Committee on Computer Resources for 2010-2011

Members 2010-2011

Nidhi Gadura, Biology and Geology

Amy Traver, Social Sciences

Michael Guy, Mathematics and Computer Science

Jo Pantaleo, Basic Skills

Vazgen Shekoyan, Physics

Joel Kuszai, English

John Buoncora, ECET

Members 2011-2012

Tina Bayer, Nursing

Nidhi Gadura, Biology and Geology

Wendy Ford, Business

Amy Traver, Social Sciences

Michael Guy, Mathematics and Computer Science

Peijun Jia, Library

Vazgen Shekoyan, Physics

Dr. Joel Kuszai served as Chair of the Committee on Computer Resources from August 2010 until he resigned on March 31, 2011. Dr. Amy Traver served as Secretary of the Committee on Computer Resources for the entirety of academic year 2010-2011. Upon Dr. Kuszai's resignation, Dr. Traver was elected to serve as Committee Chair for the duration of academic year 2010-2011.

The Committee on Computer Resources met four times during academic year 2010-2011. Two of these meetings, 10/8/10 and 12/8/10, were conducted under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Kuszai; the remaining two, 4/4/11 and 5/19/11, were conducted under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Traver.

On 5/19/11, the Committee on Computer Resources elected Dr. Traver to serve as Committee Chair and Dr. Nidhi Gadura to serve as Committee Secretary for academic year 2011-2012.

Following is a summary of the actions and efforts of the Committee on Computer Resources for academic year 2010-2011:

- The Committee on Computer Resources reviewed the quantitative and qualitative findings of the 2009-2010 Technology Plan survey.
- The Committee on Computer Resources represented faculty interests and the Academic Senate on the Presidential Tech Fee, Technology Plan, and Website Committees, as well as at relevant CUNY First trainings/workshops.
- The Committee on Computer Resources offered extensive feedback on the 2011-2015 Technology Plan. This feedback included:
 - a memo to Mr. George Sherman, Executive Director of Information Technology, which included the Committee's comments on the Plan (prepared by Dr. Kuszai under his chairpersonship);
 - a memo to Mr. Sherman, which included the Committee's comments on the Plan (prepared by Dr. Traver under her chairpersonship);
 - a memo to Mr. Sherman, which included the Committee's "tech desires" (prepared by Dr. Traver under her chairpersonship);
 - a summary of the Committee's input in the Plan (prepared by Mr. Bruce Naples, Director of the Academic Computing Center; reviewed by Dr. Traver under her chairpersonship).

All of this feedback was presented to the Academic Senate for review at the 5/10/11 Senate meeting.

Following is a summary of the intended actions and efforts of the Committee on Computer Resources for academic year 2011-2012:

- Work with Mr. Sherman and Information Technology, as well as Mr. Naples and the Academic Computing Center, to improve the communication channels between both offices and the College's faculty/students. Such improvements could include: technology resource lists; lists of smart classrooms, lite smart classrooms, and mobile podia; documents outlining how to configure smart phones to access Tigermail and Webmail programs; creation of web-based forms for faculty to register technology problems, make technology requests, and offer technology feedback; and teaching with technology workshops.
- Investigate possibilities for mobile Blackboard access for faculty and students.
- Create Committee Blackboard site to better facilitate Committee communication and archive relevant materials.
- Improve the Committee's paper and virtual archives.
- Further institutionalize the Committee's participation in and representation on the Tech Fee and Website committees.
- Propose a faculty technology grants program to the CETL Board.

As Chair, I would like to close this report by thanking Dr. Kuszai for his leadership and the Committee, as a whole, for their important participation in the governance process. I would also like to recognize the help and collegiality of Mr. Sherman and Mr. Naples.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Traver, Chair, Committee on Computer Resources