



Technology Committee of the College Council September 6, 2017 Minutes

September 6, 2017, 2PM
Room S710

Present:

Vice-President Joseph Spadaro, IRT (Chair)
Professor Mohammad Azhar, CIS
Ms. Jennifer Bocanegra, IRT
Mr. John Gallagher, IRT
Ms. Liany Marcial, Human Resources
Mr. Manuel Romero, Public Affairs

Mr. Spadaro began the meeting by teleconference at 2PM.

Classroom Updates and Upgrades

The 200+ BMCC instructional spaces are being upgraded in stages to have consistent, uniform technology. Bulbless projectors with an estimated 5 year lifespan have been or are being installed in all classrooms to replace older models. Monitoring software is being installed in all rooms as well.

Older Extron analog VGA audiovisual systems are being upgraded to digital systems. Fiterman is scheduled for upgrades over the Jewish holidays when classes are not in session.

Digital Wayfinding

After a pilot project using the 3rd floor of 199 Chambers Street the digital wayfinding project is being expanded to the whole building. Equipment, including Bluetooth/WiFi beacons, has been purchased. In a later phase the project will be extended to Fiterman Hall.

Budgets

A five year budget model with a four year equipment replacement cycle is being implemented. 25% of workstations should be replenished annually in a predictable manner. This will allow for the budget to work off of project plans and work orders.

Data Collection

Computer usage data is being regularly collected and reported. This is allowing for lab use to be better scheduled and evaluated in a non-anecdotal manner. We will also be examining computer use during registration periods.

Strategic Road Map for IT

This one-sheet planning document will be re-examined and reviewed for the current academic and fiscal year.

Virtual Queuing

A system to allow for students to spend less time on line and avoid logjams using texting to cell phones for virtual waiting for services is being developed.

Virtual ID

The development of a prototype virtual ID card that uses a student's cell phone instead of a physical ID card is being performed.

Discussion

Mr. Romero asked if there was a need to promote any of these new development to the BMCC community. Mr. Spadaro responded that it would be helpful to promote the wayfinding and queuing initiatives.

Professor Azar raised some concerns regarding the age of the computers used in Theater 1 for registration and the reliability of the wireless service in that space. These issues will be checked.

Respectfully submitted:

John Gallagher