

To: Provost David Dannenbring
From: Qun Gerry Jiao, Chair, Committee on Educational Technology
Date: March 9, 2005
Re: Committee Report

The Committee on Educational Technology has met once in mid February. During the meeting, Arthur Downing, Assistant Vice-President for Information Technology and Chief Librarian and Jim Russell of Baruch Computing and Technology Center updated the committee on the status of the information technologies within the College, including the difficulties, challenges, and new technology initiatives. Arthur Downing also explained the organizational structure of BCTC and its various divisions and their functions.

The most recent technology initiative of BCTC is implementing a college-wide protection against spam in Lotus Notes e-mail system by installing the proofpoint software. Future initiatives include strengthening computer security by programming all computers on campus to automatically install upgrades and better coordination among IT representatives of different departments within the College.

As the information technology becomes widely available and accessible to faculty teaching, the question of dependability of the network was raised. Information technology as a utility must be dependably there all the time, providing secure and seamless access. But this has not always been the case. BCTC is fully aware of the impact on teaching during the prolonged system downtime in the past and will try to prevent it in the future.

The committee also discussed the usefulness of conducting a survey on faculty computer use or computer needs as part of the strategic planning process, but no final decision was made at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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