

Report from the Committee on Educational Technology

March 3, 2020

This Committee is charged with the responsibility to develop and recommend policy in the area of educational technology. It consists of six faculty members and the Director of the Baruch Computing and Technology Center or designee, and the Chief Librarian or designee.

Our current members are:

Krista C. Dobi, Natural Sciences
Stephen Gosnell, Natural Sciences
Joseph Hartnett, Library -committee chair
Emily Johnson, Journalism and the Writing Professions
David Lindsey, Political Science
Rahul Pathak, MSPIA

In 2019 the committee met in person twice in the spring and once in the fall semester. In the spring we surveyed the Baruch faculty for the purposes of better understanding their technology use and needs. We received back over 190 responses which we shared with Arthur Downing from Baruch College Technology Center and Allison Lehr Samuels the Center for Teaching and Learning, both who provided written responses involving action plans regarding the findings. We shared our results with these responses with the faculty in the fall semester. They are available here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qx6hoawsdmft0ue/AABci-mYkjviLwALLKGAEVFBa?dl=0>

Also in the fall semester the committee began looking into creating a faculty technology clearinghouse webpage where all educational technology related links available through Baruch would be centrally accessible. The Center for Teaching and Learning offered to host the page.

The committee is scheduled to meet again in March 2020 to discuss this and also to meet with Prof. Kannan Mohan (previous CET chair), who currently serves on the CUNY-wide Learning Management Systems steering committee for the purposes of gathering Baruch faculty input about Blackboard and alternative LMSs.