Bronx Community College
City University of New York
Student Technology Fee Committee MINUTES
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Present: Provost Luis Montenegro, AVP Luchy Martich, Nancy De La Rosa, Professor Pedro Lopez, Professor James Watson, and Professor Nelson Santana.

I. Meeting called to order at 3:09 p.m.

II. Recruitment of Student Members
   a. Chair Santana reported that he will be working with Tiffany Dubbon-Yard to recruit student members for the committee.
   b. Chair reached out to a former students who accepted the invitation to join; committee approved passing his information to Mrs. Dubbon-Yard to begin the onboarding process.
   c. No objections were raised.

III. AY 2026–2027 Student Technology Fee Special Projects (STFSP) — Abstract Review
   a. Chair Santana distributed abstracts and an Excel spreadsheet with applicant information. Seven abstracts were received from the following areas: Division of Student Success, Mathematics and Computer Science, the Library, and the Office of Career Development.
   b. Committee agreed to be flexible with the 200-word limit, as most abstracts stayed within range.
   c. Abstracts reviewed (in order of submission):
      i. **Jana Porter and Robert Liebowitz (Library):** Scenario-based student AI literacy tutorial for BCC students. Committee noted the project addresses innovation, fills a gap, benefits the student body, involves multiple faculty and departments, and aligns with the college's AI campus policy work. **Decision: Approved to submit full proposal.**
      ii. **Dr. LaRoi Lawton and Confidential Executive Assistant Patience Roberts, (Library / Division of Student Success):** Cloud-based fax system to help students transmit documents for different purposes including SNAP benefits, housing, legal matters, etc. Concerns were raised regarding CUNY Central's evolving data and document-upload policies; CUNY Central does not want documentation hosted on third-party repositories. It was noted that there is a need for faxing documents to external agencies (e.g., housing) that fall outside CUNY's document policy. Committee recommended the submitters meet with IT personnel to discuss feasibility and CUNY compliance before proceeding. **Decision: Not approved for full proposal at this time; meeting with IT recommended.**
      iii. **Dr. LaRoi Lawton and Confidential Executive Assistant Patience Roberts (Library / Division of Student Success):** Proposal to repurpose the clock tower as a living landmark with a time capsule. The committee

determined the project is not technology-oriented and therefore does not qualify for STF funding. Directed to Campus Planning. **Decision: Not approved; referred to Campus Planning.**

iv. **Patience Roberts (President's Office):** Campus-wide virtual mapping initiative using Google Glasses and/or GoPro cameras to create immersive navigation maps. It was noted that the college is already working on a similar virtual interactive map to be integrated into the student mobile app, and that Campus Planning is also installing digital signage. The project duplicates existing initiatives. **Decision: Not approved; duplicates existing projects.**

v. **Dr. Angelina Antonakos and Professor Yanil De la Rosa (Department of Math and Computer Science / Math Tutorial Lab):** Funding to expand scientific calculator access for students. The committee determined the proposal does not meet the innovation requirement for STF Special Projects. It was noted that this is a classroom technology support need, and the possibility of exploring funding through the classroom technology and student support budget within the STF Plan was proposed. **Decision: Not approved as a special project; alternative funding within the STF Plan to be explored.**

vi. **Professor James Watson (Library):** Library Instructional Makerspace Lab — a series of workshops and tutorials introducing students to maker space technologies (poster presentations, 2D/3D modeling, etc.). The committee acknowledged the project supports an existing faculty interest group goal. Questions raised for the full proposal: how many academic departments would truly benefit; coordination with other makerspace efforts on campus; space reassignment implications within the library; initial investment vs. recurring costs for consumables. It was suggested that the questions be used to strengthen the full proposal rather than requiring immediate answers. **Decision: Approved to submit full proposal; committee questions to be shared with applicant.**

vii. **Amina Yamusah (Office of Career Development):** Internship program proposal including cybersecurity fundamentals training and platforms such as Handshake. The committee determined the proposal does not demonstrate technology innovation. It was noted that a paid internship program already exists within the STF Plan and that Career Development may already have access to the referenced software tools. It was suggested this may be a better opportunity for the cybersecurity academic program to market itself. **Decision: Not approved; existing STF internship program and resources already address this need.**

a. Summary: Two abstracts were approved for full proposal submission (Porter; Watson). Five abstracts were not approved, with reasons and alternative pathways communicated to each applicant.

b. Chair Santana committed to sending feedback emails to all applicants the same day, including reasons for decisions and, where applicable, alternative funding pathways.

IV. 2026–2027 STF Plan Update

a. Chair noted the plan is nearly finalized; some project leads have not yet provided feedback on revised wording (e.g., assessment language for library database usage reporting).

b. It was recommended that the committee adhere to CUNY's reporting requirements as the baseline for assessment language this cycle, given the number of changes already made to the plan format. This would reduce dependence on individual project lead responses.

c. Committee agreed to finalize the plan at the third meeting, as the next meeting will be dedicated to reviewing the two approved full proposals.

V. Action Items

a. Chair: Send feedback emails to all abstract applicants, including decisions, reasons, and alternative funding pathways where applicable.

b. Chair: Share committee questions with Professor Watson to strengthen his full proposal.

c. Chair + IT (De La Rosa): Facilitate meeting between cloud-based fax abstract submitters and IT to discuss CUNY compliance and feasibility.

d. AVP Martich: Explore funding for scientific calculators through the classroom technology and student support budget within the STF Plan.

e. Chair: Work with Tiffany Dubbon-Yard to onboard new student member.

f. Committee: Finalize 2026–2027 STF Plan at the third meeting of the semester.

g. Next meeting: Review of full proposals from Porter and Watson. Plan finalization deferred to third meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.