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FEATURING
Opening Gateways to Completion
Open Digital Pedagogies for Student Success in STEM,
a Title V-funded collaboration between City Tech and Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC).

February 28, 2018
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
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Welcome from Provost Bonne August  
N-119  
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Overview of today’s presentations from Professor Julia Jordan (Faculty Commons), Dr. Karen Lundstrem (iTEC), Professor Maura Smale (City Tech Library), Co-director Charlie Edwards and Professor Laura Ghezzi (Opening Gateways) 
Gilen Chan, Esq. (City Tech Special Counsel)

Concurrent Sessions 1  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Leading with Open Educational Resources (OER) in the Classroom
In its fourth year, City Tech Library’s OER Fellowship program has supported nearly 40 faculty members to replace traditional textbooks with curated course materials that are cost-free to students. Beyond textbook cost savings, faculty are strengthening their pedagogy with instructional materials that are specific to our curriculum and community. This session will provide an overview of the current OER landscape, including the statewide initiative, resources available for faculty to learn more about OER / zero-cost course materials, and the chance to hear from colleagues about their experiences creating and teaching with OERs.

Professors Cailean Cooney, Nora Almeida, and OER Faculty Fellows

Make Smart Phone Videos Like a Pro
Shoot an instructional video for your class on something as simple as your smart phone. Then use a few very basic video editing options right on the phone, and upload the video to YouTube or Blackboard.

Daniel Alfonzo and Miguel Rodriguez (iTEC)

Concurrent Sessions 2  
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Assessment of Online Courses by Your Peers
The peer observation form for hybrid and online courses has been available at City Tech for several years now. See examples from model courses where it has been used successfully, and find out about recent changes to meet the needs of PSC-CUNY.

Online Learning Advisory Council (OLAC) members: Professors Emma Kontzamanis (Nursing), Pat Rudden (English), George Guida (English), Denise Scannell (Humanities), Renata Budny (Restorative Dentistry), and Instructional Technology Director Karen Lundstrem (ITEC)

WeBWorK and the Push for Zero-Cost Instructional Materials
With over 20 years of development under its belt, WeBWorK is the premier zero-cost homework platform for mathematics courses. This talk will discuss the background and development of WeBWorK, comparisons to existing for-profit homework platforms, and its implementation and growth here at City Tech over the past 7 years. Suggestions will be offered for successful deployment, developing faculty buy-in, and best-practices for use in the classroom.

Professor Andrew Parker

Keynote Luncheon  
N-119  
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Introduction: Provost Bonne August

Keynote Presentation:
• Professor Marianna Bonanome
  City Tech Department of Mathematics; Co-director, Opening Gateways and Co-coordinator, WAC: Writing Across the Curriculum

• Professor Laura Ghezzi
  City Tech Department of Mathematics; Co-director, Opening Gateways

• Co-director Charlie Edwards
  Opening Gateways and OpenLab

• Ruru Rusmin
  Project Manager, Opening Gateways, BMCC

Opening Gateways: High-stakes Math Courses Re-imagined
In this session, we introduce the Opening Gateways project, a five-year cross-campus collaboration between City Tech and BMCC. Focused on promoting student success in gateway mathematics courses, Opening Gateways engages faculty in an intensive seminar that introduces active learning strategies, open educational resources, and open digital pedagogies. Come join us for a lively discussion where, in addition to hearing about project highlights, participants will engage with each other and the project team in an active learning activity.

Concurrent Sessions 3  
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Accessible Websites in Higher Ed
Higher Education institutions are required by law to ensure sufficiently accessible websites. The scope of this obligation extends to any public-facing information systems, documents or media. This presentation will provide a background on this subject matter and a brief overview on how a content creator can develop accessible documents and media such as PDFs and video files.

Gilen Chan, Esq. (City Tech Special Counsel), Peter Dinh (Web Manager), Rita Uddin (Chief Information Officer/Assistant Vice President of IT)

What’s New on The OpenLab
Over 24,000 of your colleagues, classmates, and collaborators are using the OpenLab to learn, work, and share, and are doing more with it each semester—and you can, too! This interactive session will involve demos, brainstorming, and collaboration to generate new ideas about using the OpenLab at City Tech and beyond.

Professor Jill Belli (English, OpenLab Co-Director), Charlie Edwards (OpenLab Co-Director), Syelle Graves (OpenLab Digital Pedagogy Fellow), Kristen Hackett (OpenLab Digital Pedagogy Fellow), Andrew McKinney (Senior OpenLab Digital Pedagogy Fellow), Professors M. Genevieve Hitchings (Communication Design, OpenLab Co-Director), Jody R. Rosen (English, OpenLab Co-Director), and Jenna Spevack (Communication Design, OpenLab Co-Director)