Technology Center@Kresge Library
Grand Opening
September 8, 2009
10 a.m.

Julie Voelck:

- Hello, and thank you for joining us this morning. I'm Julie Voelck, dean of Kresge Library. We're very excited about introducing you to our new Technology Center. To get things started, it is my pleasure to welcome the President of Oakland University, Dr. Gary Russi.

- Dr. Russi…

Dr. Russi:

- Good afternoon. Welcome to the grand opening of the Technology Learning Center @ Kresge Library.

- This new center brings together – into one centralized location – several library units which support technology-based teaching, learning and research.

- Those units include:
    - Kresge Library's new Information Commons
    - E-Learning and Instructional Support
    - And, the University Technology Services HelpDesk

- The new center enhances Oakland's strong support for distance education, e-learning, and information and technology literacy.

- We are pleased to be able to provide these resources and participate actively in the success of our students.

- And now, I am pleased to introduce the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Virinder Moudgil…Dr. Moudgil…

Dr. Moudgil:

- Thank you, President Russi. And thank all of you for coming.

- The Technology Learning Center @ Kresge Library is representative of the tremendous changes that are occurring in academic libraries, and in the world of information. Students are not only using library services in the traditional way; they are coming to the library to take command of their own learning. The library, enhancing its traditional role as the center of campus, is now more than ever, a place where people come together to foster and support active learning, teaching and research.

- The library continues to be the heart of campus – a place that fosters curiosity, creativity, information literacy, and the active processes of teaching, learning and the creation of knowledge.

- This new Technology Learning center will offer:
    - Improved, centralized access to units that support online learning
    - Support for research in the digital age
    - A synergistic environment where students and staff can collaborate, and innovate.

- We are very proud of this new technology center. And proud to be able to support our students in this way.

- To describe the many features of this facility, and the process that went into creating the center, I'd like to welcome back to the podium, Julie Voelck, dean of Kresge Library.

- Dean Voelck…

Julie Voelck:
- I wish to begin with a special welcome to our new building partners…

- Assistant Vice President Cathy Cheal and her staff in E-Learning and Instructional Support.

- CIO Terrie Rowe and the UTS Helpdesk staff: Fourier Ross, Susan Hartman, and their students.

- On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Library and the Writing Center, welcome aboard! We're delighted to have you join the family.

- Next, I would like to acknowledge a number of people who contributed time, energy and expertise to make the Technology Learning Center a reality:

- First, thank you to the Information Commons Task Force:
  - Chair: Frank Lepkowski
  - Members from the Library:
    - Mariela Gunn
    - Anne Switzer
    - Beth Kraemer
    - Julia Rodriguez
    - Kris Condic
    - Pat Clark
    - Maurini Strub
    - Jerri Swinehart
    - Eric Condic
  - From the Student Technology Center at the OC: Brandon Bernier;
  - and our student representative, Stacy Lutz.

- Second, to all the students who responded to our FaceBook survey and who provided input and suggestions to help us design the Information Commons: Thank you.

- Thanks to Jocelyn Baldwin for her supervision of the government documents collection shift.

- Thank you to the Task Force who worked on the relocation of the 4th Floor Current Periodicals Collection:

  - Chair and Overall Project Manager Extraordinaire, Brenda Pierce
  - Members:
    - Shawn Lombardo
    - Millie Merz
    - Louann Stewart
    - Barb Shipman
    - Nicole Artanowicz

- A special thanks to OU Project Manager Stuart Rose

- Last by not least, for their support, which made the Technology Learning Center possible, I'd like to express our gratitude to:
  - President Gary Russi
  - Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil
  - and the Oakland University Board of Trustees.

- Now about our Center.

- Surrounding us is the Information Commons.

- As you can see, an entire wing of the library has been transformed from a storehouse for paper federal documents into a dynamic, technology-rich environment where students can work singly or in collaboration, and use information to the fullest.

- Here are some of the things the Information Commons offers:

  - state-of-the-art computing, including laptops to check out, and media computers with large-screen LCD monitors

  - a CopyCam to capture images of work written on mobile white boards

  - flexible learning spaces designed to take full advantage of the wireless network, Web 2.0 technologies, and digital research collections

  - breakout rooms for group study and presentation practice

  - and immediate access to assistance and support:
    - librarians for research assistance
    - staff for computer assistance
    - the Writing Center for help with papers.

- The Library's new Information Commons,
  e-Learning Services, University Technology Services Helpdesk, and the Writing Center...

- To sum it up, this is THE ULTIMATE MASHUP of state-of-the-art services to benefit our students.

- And now it is my honor to introduce my colleague and Technology Learning Center partner, Assistant Vice President for E-Learning & Instructional Support, Cathy Cheal.

Cathy Cheal:
- Thank you to:
    - Julie Voelk and Terrie Rowe
    - Stuart Rose and George Preisinger
    - Virinder Moudgil and Gary Russi

- Our mission

    1. Technology for teaching--LMS, ePortfolio, Scantron, Elluminate, Second Life, i-Clicker, iTunes U

    2. Online courses and programs development--teaching faculty asynchronous methods, synchronous video-conferencing, and multimedia modules.

    3. Space to support it--Learning Lab, Faculty Lab, Conference Room, 3 Scantron Rooms, Media Lab

- Come upstairs for tours and refreshments.

Julie Voelck:
- Thank you, Cathy.

- Now, we invite you to tour and explore the Information Commons, UTS Helpdesk and Writing Center on this floor, and e-Learning & Instructional Support on the 4th floor.

- Knowledgeable staff members are standing by to provide demonstrations and answer your questions.

- Also, enjoy the refreshments!

- And thank you very much for coming.

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