

Joint resolution by the faculty of Trinity College to commend, celebrate, and thank the staff of Library and Information Technology Services (LITS) and in particular the Research, Instruction, and Technology (RIT) team for their extraordinary energy and commitment to sustaining our teaching and learning during a year of crisis:

Whereas, the Covid pandemic provoked an existential crisis in every functional unit of the College, but especially disrupted the learning environment for students, and

Whereas, the crisis required a nearly instantaneous effective response, and

Whereas, the entire team of RIT/LITS immediately rose to the occasion, and

Whereas, the RIT/LITS team provided an effective suite of software and hardware tools to carry on instruction despite the lockdown and shut down of all campus activities, and

Whereas, LITS helped remote students meet every technological need in order to remain connected and engaged in their studies, and

Whereas, RIT and LITS also provided an extensive array of summer workshops to retool all of us for effective remote teaching, and

Whereas, LITS implemented and supported a variety of additional teaching technologies which were essential to our educational mission, including Zoom, Hypothesis, Moodle, and many others, and

Whereas, RIT specialists worked with all of us individually to sustain our spring 2020 courses and to get our 2020-2021 courses successfully off the ground, and

Whereas, RIT and LITS responded promptly, 24/7, to the numerous glitches and disruptions in classroom software and network functions, and

Whereas, RIT/LITS folks attended every remote meeting, no matter how boring, to ensure that meeting technology functioned smoothly, and

Whereas, the College classrooms were rapidly retrofitted to accommodate safe social distancing, and

Whereas, teaching and learning spaces were rapidly rebuilt to allow hybrid class meetings, and

Whereas, all our individual bugs, worries, queries, and aspirations were always answered promptly and effectively, and

Whereas, every member of the RIT/LITS team responded to all of us, no matter how dense we were about these issues, with patience, empathy, and good humor, and

Whereas, all of this is above and beyond above and beyond,

BE IT RESOLVED that the faculty of Trinity College commends, thanks, and praises to the heavens the entire Research, Instruction, and Technology team, along with the entire staff of Library and Information Technology Services. The College not only survived, but flourished, with your unwavering and energetic support.