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Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 30

Next Meeting: TBA

Location: ZOOM

Attendance: Stephen Castellano, Sherry Deckman, John DeLooper, Michelle Ehrenpreis, Dana Fenton, Asma Neblett, Edi Ruiz, Jennifer Van Allen

Student Senators: Sergio Hernandez

Excused: Jennifer McCabe, Joseph Mohorcich, Kenneth Schlesinger

Library

- Library – in cooperation with Public Safety – is pleased to announce Extended Hours until Midnight for student study during Final Exam period. Extended hours begin **Thursday, May 15 through Wednesday, May 21**. Library will be open for study from 9:00 AM until Midnight *EXCEPT* Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18 [11:00 AM through Midnight].
- Regular Library Hours resume Thursday, May 22
- Study Hours are for First Floor Only
- Library wishes students best of luck on Finals

Information Technology

- Lehman will be transitioning to Brightspace on June 2. Beginning with the summer semester all teaching and learning will be done on Brightspace. Students registering for summer and fall courses will be enrolled on Brightspace. Please visit the Lehman Brightspace Transition website to register for training and more information on the Brightspace Transition.

- The Division of Information Technology welcomes our new Assistant Vice President, Deira Pereyra. Deira brings to this role over 20 years of experience in technology leadership including 14 years in higher education and an impressive trajectory of innovation, strategic planning and institutional impact. Deira has a deep personal connection to our mission and a longstanding commitment to advancing student success through transformative technology. Deira is a proud Lehman Alum!

- In the coming weeks we will be introducing a new platform for the college community to submit IT-related requests and report IT issues. The new platform is called Service Now. This platform will streamline the process of requesting technical assistance and it will also help the IT Division to provide faster service to the college community. Please watch your email for an announcement coming soon.

Blackboard/Learning Management System

- The Bronx Ed Tech Showcase was held at Lehman College on May 2, 2025. The Ed Tech Showcase committee would like to thank all of our presenters and attendees. The Theme of the showcase was Human-AI Synergy – Shaping Education to Promote Digital Equity and Inclusion. The 2026 Showcase will be held at Bronx Community College on May 1, 2026

Center for Teaching and Learning/Online Education

- **Explore the Brightspace Learning Hub – Online, Self-Paced, and Built for Faculty!** (Launch on Monday, May 5)

- The *Brightspace Learning Hub* is your go-to resource for learning how to navigate and make the most of Brightspace. This **fully online, self-paced experience** features six short modules covering everything from content management to grading and communication tools.

- Complete each module in under an hour, take a quick quiz to unlock badges and **discussion forums, and connect with colleagues** and support staff along the way. Complete all six sessions and receive a **Certificate of Completion** to recognize your achievement. Whether you're just getting started or looking to deepen your expertise, the Learning Hub is here to help—on your schedule.

👉 To get started, log in to Brightspace and click on **"Brightspace Learning Hub"** under **"My Courses"**, or simply use this [Brightspace Learning Hub link](#).

- **Brightspace Course Setup Guide** (will be launched on Tuesday, May 13) -- As you prepare your Brightspace course for the summer term, please take a moment to review key steps to ensure your site is ready for students. The Brightspace Course Setup Guide outlines a simple checklist to help you deliver a smooth, accessible, and engaging learning experience.

- **Brightspace Course Readiness Bootcamp – Quick, Practical, and HyFlex** (offered May 21-June 1 – Registration will open on May 13)
- Get your course(s) ready with the **Brightspace Course Readiness Bootcamp**—a focused, two-hour session offered in a **HyFlex format** (in-person and online). Designed for faculty who are new to Brightspace, balancing full schedules, or finalizing course prep, the bootcamp provides hands-on support for reviewing and refining your course in

Brightspace. Faculty will also have the option to use the **Lehman Course Template**, which offers a clear structure and integrates best practices in online course design.

- **Lehman Online Student Orientation** (will launch 2 weeks before summer courses start)

- The **Lehman Online Student Orientation** is a self-paced Brightspace course designed to prepare students for success in online and hybrid learning. It covers essential topics like time management, communication, academic integrity, and student support services. The orientation includes brief modules with self-check quizzes, a certificate of completion, and an introduction to the **Online Learning Student Peer Mentoring Program (OLSPMP).** Estimated completion time: 2–3 hours.

- **Brightspace Orientation for Students** (will launch 2 weeks before summer courses start)

- The **Brightspace Orientation for Students** is a short, standalone nano course that helps all students—regardless of course format—learn how to navigate Brightspace. It includes practical guidance on submitting assignments, checking grades, and using key platform tools. Enrollment will be automated, and students will gain confidence using Brightspace from day one.