

Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 7th 2025

Next Meeting: October 29th

Location: ZOOM

Attendance: Stephen Castellano, Sherry Deckman, Dana Fenton, Tailisha Gonzalez, Michelle Ehrenpreis, John DeLooper, Jennifer McCabe, Edi Ruiz, Kenneth Schlesinger, Jennifer Van Allen

Student Senators: No Student Senators Present

Excused:

Library

Library is offering the following Trials for Faculty:

- APA PsycBooks: Coverage includes most current scholarly and professional titles published by APA as well as historical and classic works from behavioral and social sciences.
- APA PsycTests: Focused primarily on unpublished tests this database is designed to save researchers time from having to reproduce tests when conducting research on previously measured constructs.
- APA PsycTherapy: This streaming video platform provides clinicians, counselors, instructors, and trainees opportunity to sharpen their skills by observing candid, unscripted psychotherapy sessions featuring renowned therapists. Faculty may also view them in the AZ list on Library Homepage and also on Libguides. Library welcomes your feedback.
- Library and English invite the college community to a Reading and Discussion on Tuesday, October 21st from noon-1 PM with Maeve Adams reading from *Rhetoric and Resistance: The Literary Arts of Dissent in Ninteenth Century Britan.* Please RSVP by October 20th Registration is required and the link is available on Library Homepage. Please consider making annual contribution to *Friends of the Library* campaign. Information on Library Homepage.

Information Technology

- The rollout of Multi-Factor Authentication for CUNY continues to progress Nearly half of Lehman's 14,000 students are now using MFA, alongside a majority of faculty and staff. Our IT Help Desk handled a surge of support requests with professionalism and care. We will resume completing this project next week.
- The new Lehman Password Manager for your Lehman account is fully implemented with over 6,000 students enrolled. We would love to see more faculty and staff enrolling their Lehman Account in this self-service platform. Remember—these are the credentials you use for wireless.
- October is Cybersecurity Awareness month A short, 40-minute Cybersecurity Awareness Course is now available in Brightspace under the "Organizations" tab. It is a quick and practical way to learn how to protect both institutional and personal information.
 - We are making progress on several campus-wide technology projects The Digital Signage initiative is moving forward, with all purchase orders issued and installation planning underway. This system will enhance both campus communication and emergency notification capabilities. We will be installing 58 displays around campus and two external displays.
 - Website upgrades are in Phase 3, with 80% completion. Recent updates include sites for Human Resources, Assessment, Enrollment Management, and several academic support programs.

LMS/Brightspace

- Blackboard will be retired on December 15th. We suggest that if you have course content from Bb that you would like to retain, please download the material now. If you have content that is older than 5 years and you would like to have that content, please send an email to Faculty.Help@lehman.cuny.edu and we will work to get the content that you need. We would like to get this done by November 15th as it will take time to get the content.
- Anthology, the parent company of Blackboard filed for Chapter 11 at the beginning of October. ALLY which is a Bb product that we use with Brightspace will not be affected by this. We will have access to Bb ALLY
- Many Faculty use the Brightspace Discussions. Many faculty have also asked "Why is there no DUE DATE for Discussions" Coming in the 4th quarter of 2025 a DUE DATE for Brightspace Discussions. Many of us have asked for this via Brightspace Community and Webinars and Brightspace listened!
- Apporto which is a CUNY virtual desktop platform that houses SAS, SPSS, MATLab and other programs will be coming to Brightspace making it easier to access the programs without having to sign in again.

Center for Teaching and Learning

- Faculty Resource Showcase is October 22 from 11 AM until 1:45 PM at Library B01 Come and Learn about all the resources that are available to faculty. The Showcase is a collaboration of Center for Teaching and Learning and Library
- Brightspace Training continues! Register for an Office Hour with a member of the Brightspace Transition Team. The Office Hour is a one-to-one session where you will receive individualized attention. Visit the Lehman Brightspace Transition Page to register and learn about all the resources that are available for the college community.
- November is Tech Month at the CTL: Join the CTL every Friday afternoon in November for webinars that spotlight new and innovative approaches to teaching and learning with technology.