Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee Report

Next Meeting: End of January 2026

Location: ZOOM

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

Student Senators: Esther Matthews

Excused:

Library

- Library pleased to offer **EXTENDED STUDY** Hours for Fall 2025 Final Exam Period. Extended Study Hours made possible by Public Safety and Administration and Finance.

- Library will remain Open until Midnight during **Final Exam period: December 15-22**.

- Circulation-Reserve, Reference, and access to stacks will not be available. Only First Floor of Library will be available. Virtual Chat will be accessible.

- Public Safety is also offering Escort Service to closest Subway or College Parking Lot. Students needing an escort may call Public Safety at 718-960-8228.

- For complete listing of Extended Hours, please login to Brightspace and see the Hours in the Announcement section of Lehman Brightspace Homepage.

Information Technology

- The Lehman College website upgrade is almost complete. Updating a website from top to bottom is a very time consuming and labor-intensive project with many moving parts. The website update project is on target for completion this month. Thank you to the web services team for an outstanding job on this project.
- The Lehman Digital Signage and Emergency Notification Project has been in the works for many years at Lehman and is now coming to a reality. Digital monitors offering campus information will be placed in key areas of the campus to provide campus news and information to the community. The monitors are in the early stages of installation. A new emergency notification service will also be

introduced to the college community. This project is on target for completion before the end of the year.

- CUNY Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) is up and running. CUNY CIS conducted a CUNY-Wide sweep on December 4th to accomplish the following: Enable accounts that may have been missed. Ensure that MFA is enabled for all new users who join the college going forward. If you have not completed your MFA activation, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you need assistance, kindly reach our Help Desk at Help.Desk@lehman.cuny.edu. MFA provides an added layer of security to our Lehman and CUNY Applications.

LMS/Brightspace

o **Reminders:**
  - **Blackboard Retirement:** Bb will be retired. Please export any course materials from Blackboard. Details are in Brightspace Announcements and e-mails.
  - **Winter 2026/Spring 2026 Start of Semester Readiness:** To prepare for your Winter 2026/Spring 2026 courses, please review the Start of Semester Readiness checklist in Brightspace Announcements and e-mails.
  - **Fall 2025 Final Grade Support:** CTL & IT Division are providing support for faculty on the gradebook and questions to wrap up the Fall 2025 semester. We are hosting three open-ended, 90-minute Brightspace Gradebook Q&A sessions tomorrow, 12/11/25 at 2 pm and throughout next week. If you're not able to make them, we've got you covered. Please schedule a 1:1 BrS Office Hours or Ask Me Anything group session. Registration is on the Training page in the Lehman LMS Transition website and in Brightspace Announcements.
- **Brightspace Blog Tool Decommissioning (December 22, 2025):** CUNY CIS will be disabling the Brightspace Blog tool on December 22nd. 23 identified blog users will be notified and given instructions to downloading their content.
- **Upcoming BrS Training in Winter 2026:** To assist faculty for the Winter 2026 and Spring 2026, CTL and IT Division will be offering training in January 2026. If you would like to prepare earlier, please access the BrS Learning Hub course for our recorded trainings.
- **Upcoming Federal ADA Digital Accessibility Rule (Effective April 24, 2026):** The ADA Title II, which goes into effect April 24, 2026, requires that colleges ensure all digital content, including our Lehman website and Brightspace LMS, must meet WCAG 2.1 standards to be accessible. CUNY Office of Academic Affairs will be providing guidance regarding Brightspace. We will keep you updated and be available to provide support.

Center for Teaching and Learning

- The Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) welcomes applications from current Lehman College students and educators for

2026 pilot project that creates teaching and learning opportunities for students through strategic partnerships with instructors, faculty, and relevant professionals.

- Call for Applications: COIL Faculty Training & Collaboration Opportunity: Teaching & Learning is excited to partner with International Programs and Community Engagement to support faculty participation in the SUNY COIL initiative. We encourage faculty across disciplines to consider applying for this opportunity and joining us in shaping globally connected learning experiences for our students.