



Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 26th

Next Meeting: April 30th @ 11 AM

Location: ZOOM

Attendance: Stephen Castellano, Sherry Deckman, John DeLooper, Michelle Ehrenpreis, Kenneth Schlesinger, Jennifer Van Allen

Student Senators: No Student Senators Present

Excused: Dana Fenton, Jennifer McCabe, Joseph Mohorcich, Editrudys Ruiz

Library

- Library has reached an agreement with Cambridge University Press Journals [CUP]. Lehman-Cambridge Transformative Agreement allows for open access publishing and subscription access. New Agreement facilitates access for more than 400 Cambridge Journals, including perpetual access to all volumes published from 2023-2025. Faculty are encouraged to submit pre-print and final works if publishing with open licenses in Lehman's Institutional Repository. For additional information – please contact Electronic Resources Librarian Michelle Ehrenpreis
- PrivCo database now available on Library's Databases A-Z List. PrivCo is an excellent resource for private company information – including non-publicly traded companies, founder-family owned companies, private equity-owned, and venture capital backed companies. This asset is invaluable for job seekers. You will need to create a free account to use PrivCo. Michelle Ehrenpreis has additional information.
- Library and Philosophy are offering a Reading and Discussion of Naomi Zack's *Multiplicity, Belonging and Free Speech in U.S. Higher Education: Thriving Through Current Crisis*, Tuesday, April 22nd from Noon -1:00 PM in Library Treehouse. Registration on Library Homepage.

Information Technology

- Lehman will be transitioning to Brightspace in the summer semester. We are actually LIVE on Brightspace as of today. Summer courses are up and ready for you! Kindly login to Brightspace and confirm your courses are visible. 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. Brightspace Training began on

March 10th. Please see the Lehman Brightspace Transition page to learn more and register for a training session. Sessions are in person and virtual.

- Course Migration from Bb to Brightspace has begun. 4-years of course content will be migrated to Brightspace. Summer courses on Brightspace will begin appearing by the middle of April. Spring 2025 courses will be migrated to Brightspace in June
- We are continually getting closer to using the CUNY login for Lehman applications. The one login will streamline our community's access to our various applications and greatly reduce memorizing various logins and passwords.
- We strongly recommend that the college community take the CUNY Cybersecurity Course on Bb. There is a course for students and faculty and each course will take no longer than 45-minutes to complete. There is some very important information in these courses to help you protect yourself when online.

Blackboard/Learning Management System

- The Bronx Ed Tech Showcase will be held at Lehman College on May 2, 2025. The Ed Tech Showcase committee will be sending out SAVE THE DATE Reminders shortly. The Call for Proposals will be sent during January. Please consider presenting at the showcase. The CUNY Community is Welcome to attend
- We have delivered a list of Bb Organizations and DEVELOPMENT courses created through the years which will be migrated to Brightspace. If you have a last minute request, please feel free to reach out to me

Center for Teaching and Learning/Online Education

- Save the date for the Excellence in Education and Community Conference (EECC) on Wednesday, April 9, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Lehman College. Hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning, this free, in-person event celebrates the achievements of CUNY Lehman College faculty, students, staff, and Bronx community members in teaching, learning, and community impact. [Visit the conference website](#) to learn more and register!
- Faculty are invited to prepare for summer teaching! No matter your teaching modality—in-person, hybrid, or online—connect with your Brightspace Ambassador for hands-on support during Lehman's LMS transition. Visit the [Lehman Center for Teaching and Learning website](#) to find your school's ambassador and start planning today!
- Faculty are invited to the next AI in Teaching & Learning webinar, "Engaging with Generative AI: Which Tool Does What?", on Monday, April 28, from 12:00 PM to 1:15 PM. This session will explore and compare generative AI tools—both free and paid—to help participants understand their functions, strengths, and limitations. The workshop will provide insights for making informed choices in teaching and learning. Co-led by Iain Coggins (English Education, Middle & High School Education) and **John McDonough** (Associate Director of Instructional Design, Center for Teaching

and Learning), this session will be both practical and engaging. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/Lehman-Choose-AI>

UFS Report

Members of UFS viewed a presentation by Sherif Soliman senior vice chancellor for budget and finance and chief financial officer at The City University of New York, where he is responsible for overseeing and managing the finances and business relationships of CUNY's 25 colleges and the University's central administration.

Soliman has responsibility for the overall management of \$3 billion in state and city tax-levy operating funds, and more than \$1 billion in tuition revenues. He directly supervises the University Budget Office, the Office of the University Controller, the Office of Treasury Services and the Office of University Strategic Sourcing. Mr. Soliman stated that CUNY is financially in a good place with financial support from The Governor, Senate and Assembly. Mr. Soliman reported that community college enrollment is down but enrollment at the senior colleges is up and stable.