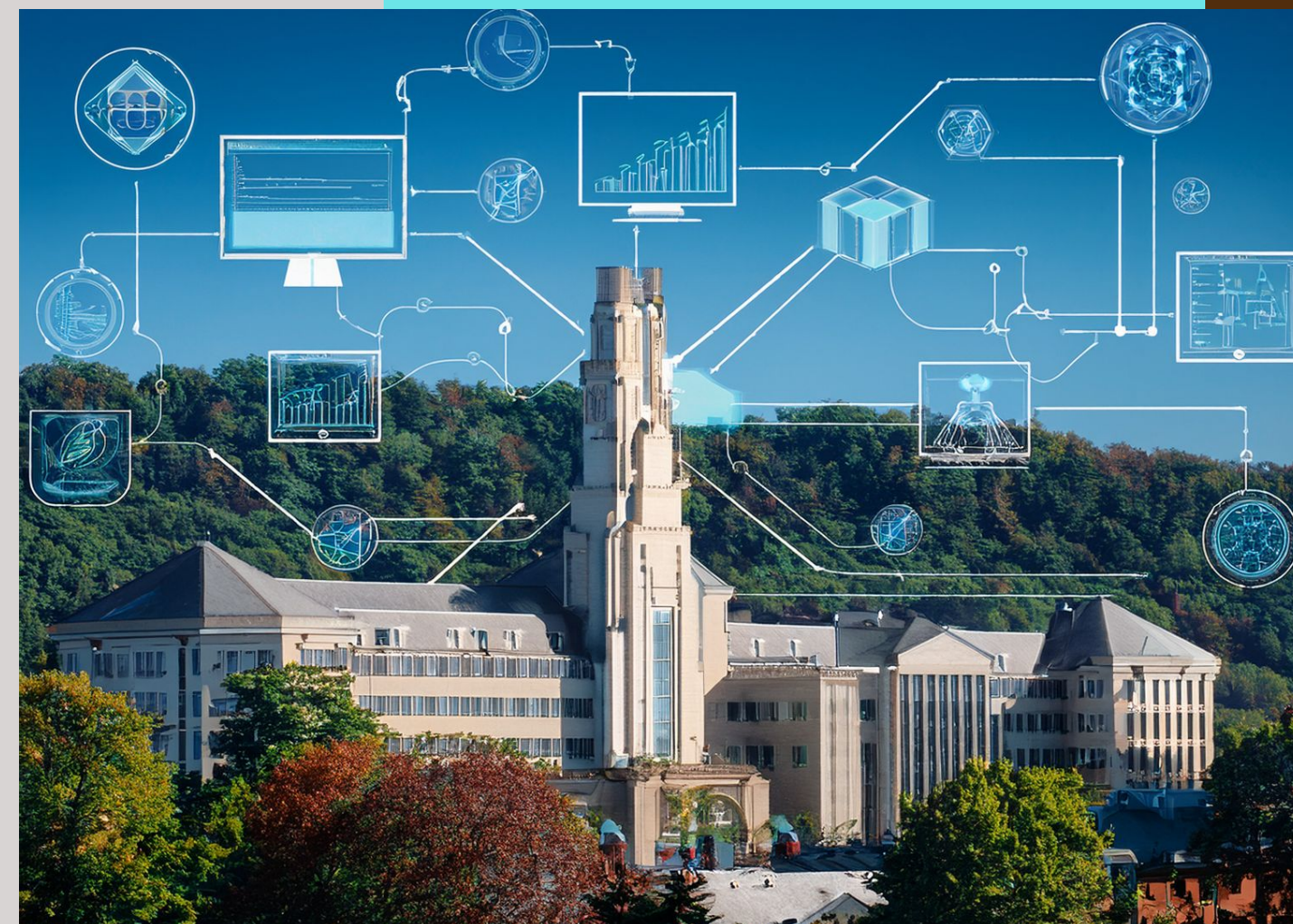




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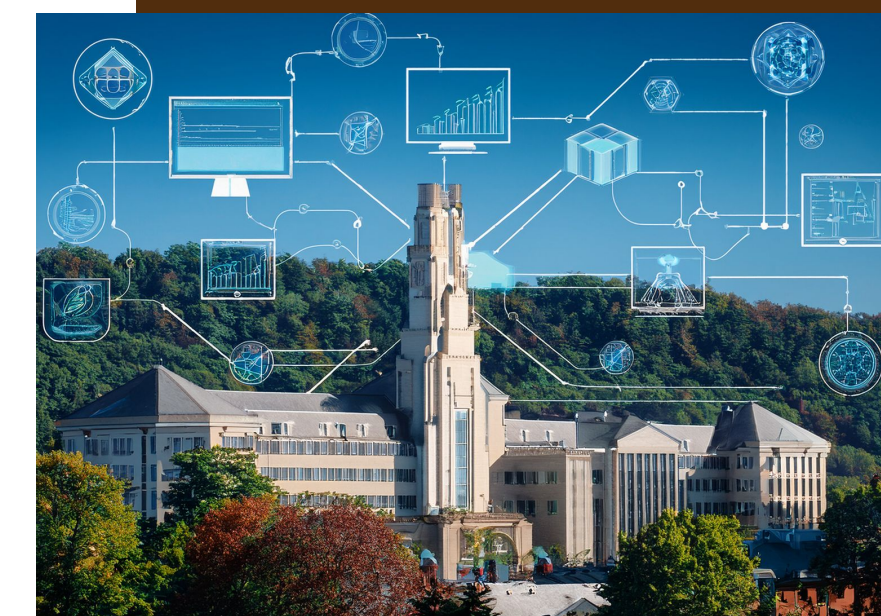
Future Ready (Ellucian Banner to the SaaS Modernization)

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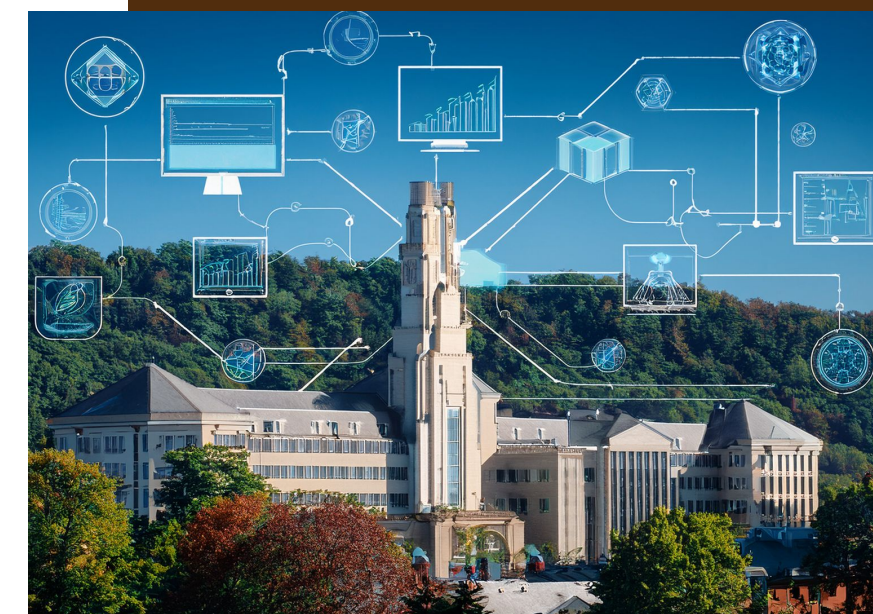
Overview of Future Ready Project

- This modernization effort is a key component of Lehigh's Strategy to create [An Organization of the Future](#) and will enhance efficiency across the university while streamlining and improving the user experience for faculty, staff, and students.
- Through the Future Ready project, we aim to align and **streamline our operations**, creating more efficient and effective processes across all areas. It's a complete rethink of how we can work smarter, collaborate better, and create a supportive environment for both our students and staff. And it will help us to achieve our future move to more modern technology to better support what we do.
- By improving our processes and unifying our efforts, we're setting the foundation for enhanced student experiences and empowering our teams with tools and workflows that truly meet their needs.
- Together, let's build a future where our work has even greater impact and our students' journeys are more supported than ever before.



Key benefits of **Future Ready** include:

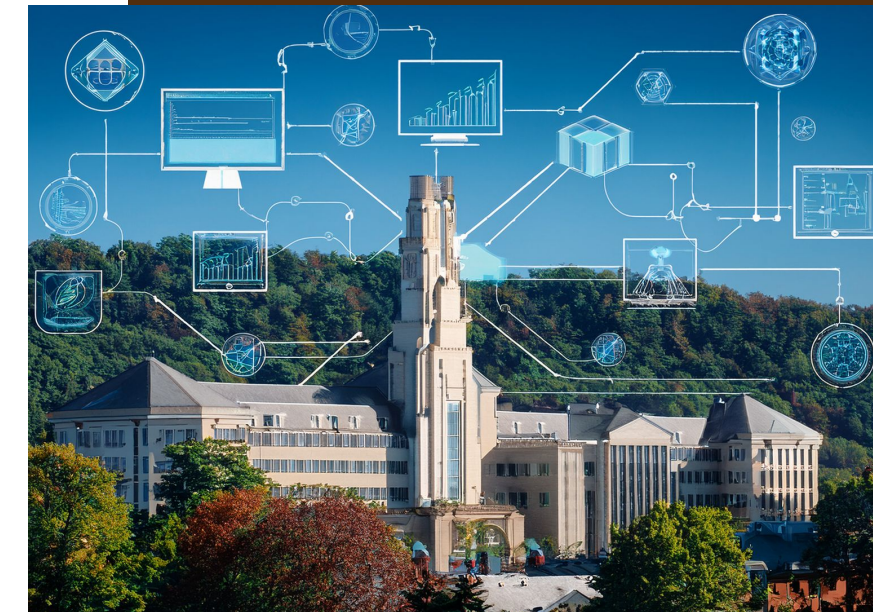
- A better student and end-user experience.
- Near real-time data and enhanced reporting to support decision-making.
- Standardized processes that allow us to focus our attention on things that differentiate us.
- Improved and streamlined business processes.
- A modernized system that leverages enhanced availability, scalability, and security with less downtime.
- Ability to deploy new features and updates more quickly for continuous improvement.



Who Makes up the Project Steering Team?

Project Sponsor(s):

- Chris Cook, VP For Finance and Administration
- Ilena Key, Chief Technology Officer
- Kurt Weber, Director of Enterprise Systems (LTS)
- Lucy Bowen, Director of Administration, Provost Office
- Tara Coyle, Project Manager (LTS)
- Ellucian Colleagues



Objectives



01 Improve some of our key processes and ways of working with the aim of standardizing and working better.

02 Review our technology and data processes and deliver chosen improvements.

03 Solution for some of the pain points for our teams and students across the University.

04 Establish building blocks including ways of delivering in preparation for the SaaS implementation project.

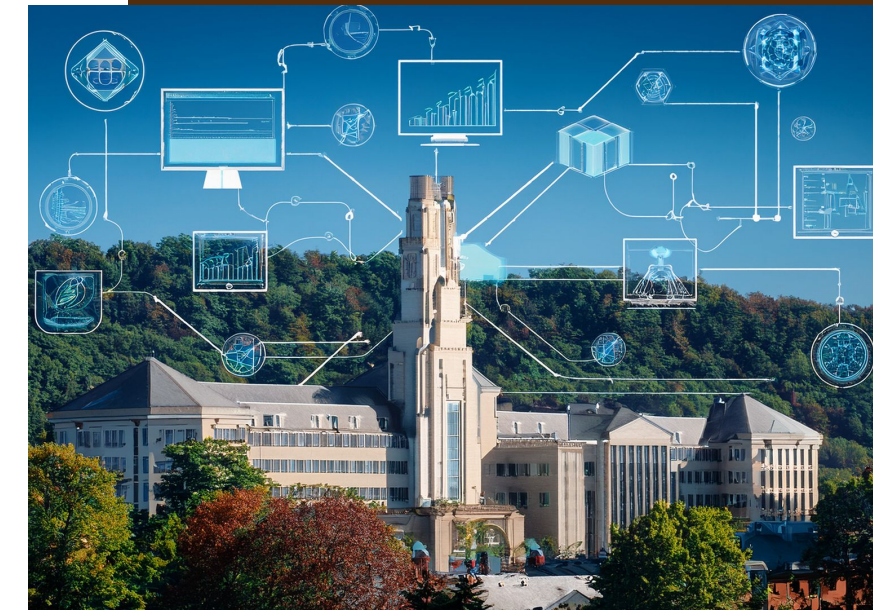
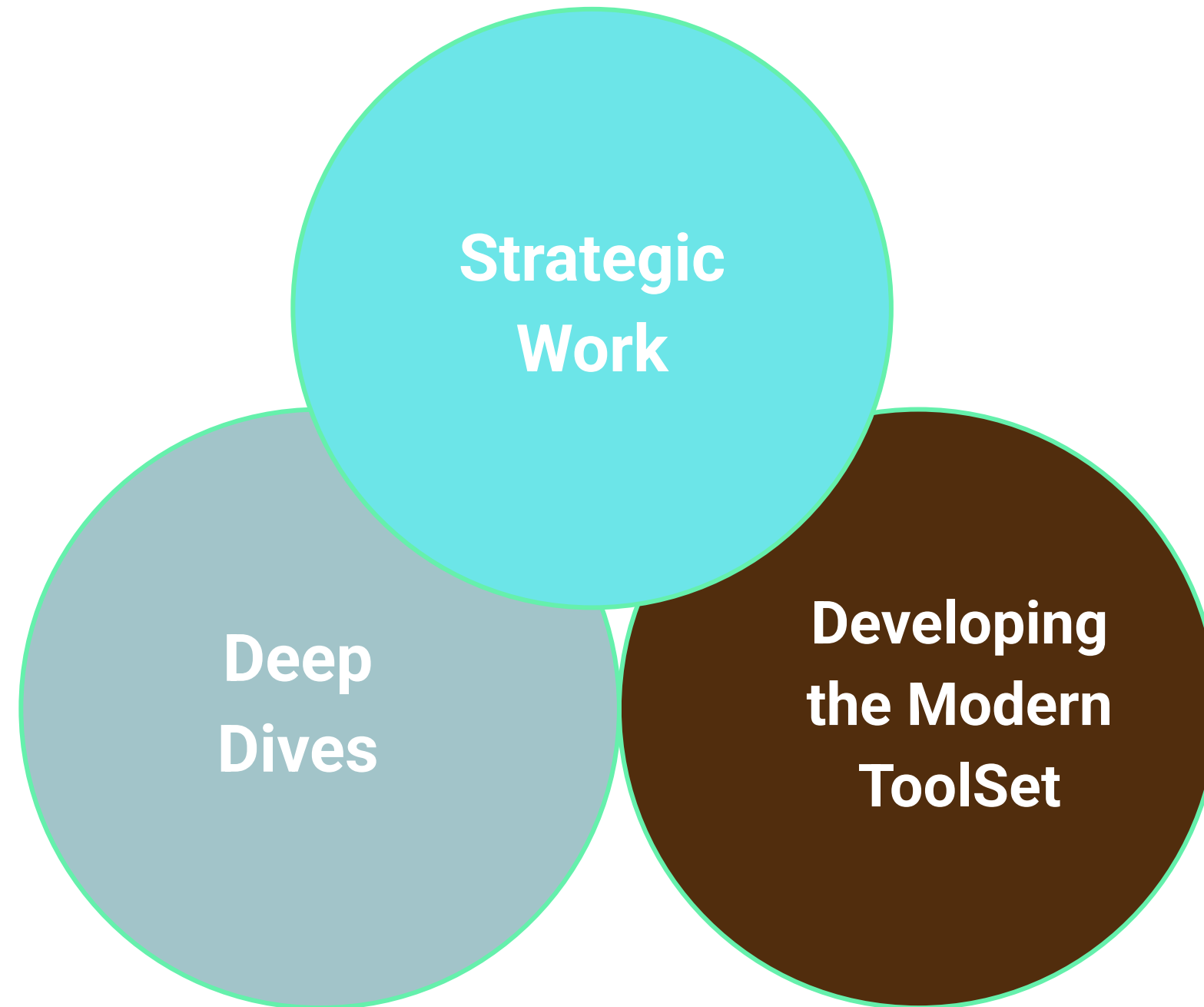
Who Will it Impact?

- **Future Ready** will likely have wide-reaching impacts on many of our teams who support the student journey and financial functions critical to the university.
- End users of these systems will have valuable insights. The success of this project depends on the **collaboration and engagement** of Lehigh community members across the university.
- The project will impact faculty, staff and students at different points in the project. We will be working with teams across the colleges and administrative areas very closely to collaborate on the process work.



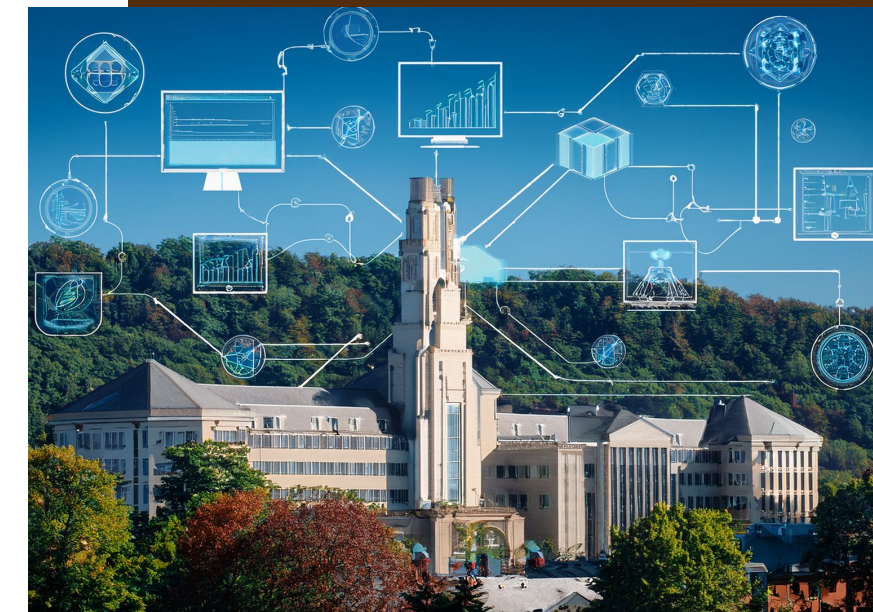
Multiple Approaches at the Same time

This is 5 year project and we are
in Year 1!



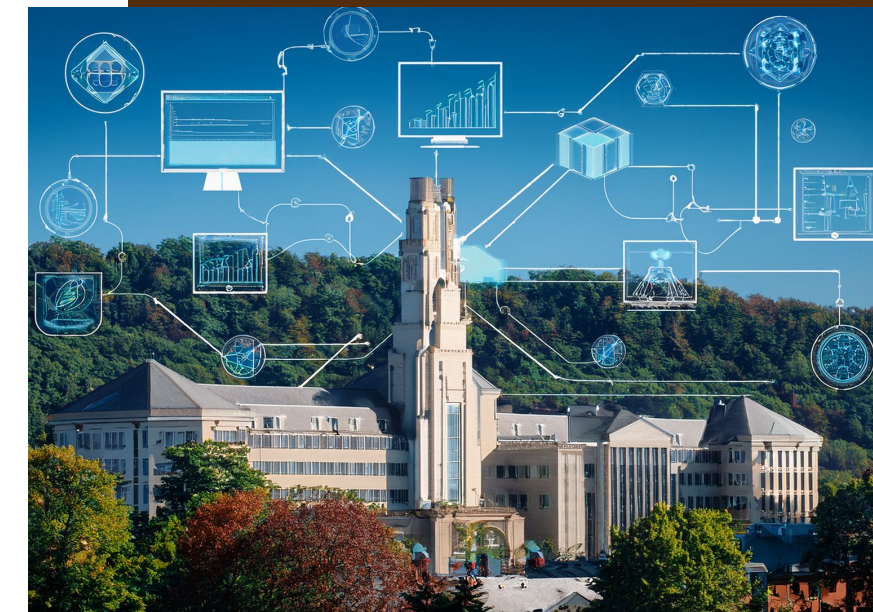
Student Experience Milestones

- Degree Works (Live since March) to help students and advisors track degree progress and explore "what-if" scenarios for alternative degree paths.
- Improving the Registration Process (Coming October 2025): making registration smoother by:
 - Streamlining PINs for Priority Registration.
 - Introducing Smarter PINs for undergraduates to easily differentiate terms.
 - Eliminating registration PINs for Graduate Students.
 - Piloting a Student Planner in the College of Health, which helps students and advisors map out their course sequences.



Administrative Milestones

- Labor Distribution EPAF (Live as of Sept 8, 2025) allows end users to indicate the index to be charged for payroll by percentage of total pay. [Training materials](#) and tools are available now, and in-person group discussion sessions are scheduled.
- Labor Redistribution Self Service Tool (Live as of Sept 8, 2025) enables end users to make corrections to payroll disbursements retroactively. [Training materials](#) and tools are available now, and in-person group discussion sessions are scheduled.
- MyJournal is a new way to process financial reallocation of expenses. This tool will be piloted and rolled out to the broader campus later this fiscal year to replace the current processes.
- Desktop Finance replacement is being built and piloted by a small group of users. This dynamic reporting tool is anticipated to be live for all campus users later this academic year. This timeline will be clearer throughout the fall semester.
- Review of Lehigh's Data Governance Structure: An extensive review of Lehigh's current processes and structure was conducted, resulting in a report that both highlights the current state and provides a roadmap for streamlining and improving Data Governance at Lehigh.



How Can I Stay up to Date?

- Project Communications
- Project landing page: go.lehigh.edu/saas
- Contact the technology team: inb2Saas@lehigh.edu





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Questions?

