

Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT)

Annual Report, 2025–2026

Summary

During 2025–2026, FACT facilitated faculty-technology conversations on campus software, information security, AI, and emerging technology, addressing policy, privacy, and workflow concerns. Highlights include approval of the Software Matrix, transition to Dedoose software, Thorium Reader planning for implementation in Fall 2026, and the new Data Security Working Group.

Software & Infrastructure

FACT approved the annual Software Matrix, supported the Dedoose software rollout as NVivo's replacement (NVivo sunset: June 1, 2026) and planned for EBSCO's shift from Adobe Digital Editions to Thorium Reader. Discussion was had about faculty workflow issues, such as grant-funded computer purchasing and classroom Adobe Reader/Acrobat access.

Artificial Intelligence

AI was a recurring topic, with updates on campus AI initiatives, survey data, and faculty development. Discussions covered AI policy challenges, student and employer interests in ethical AI training, Microsoft Copilot training, and AI use in composition classrooms with regard to changing CSU/California requirements and state laws. *The Bots & Beyond: AI Awareness and Ethics* badged online program was released as a pilot.

Information & Data Security

Discussions on student and faculty use of personal devices, IoT, and email practices led to the development of the Data Security Working Group, which reviewed CSULB security materials and flagged concerns around MFA, public-records requirements, First Amendment issues, and a Microsoft Defender privacy question.