

Learning Management System Evaluation Committee Summary - March 2016

Importance of LMS to Campus

- Approximately 87% of faculty use the LMS to support their face-to-face, online, and hybrid courses, and nearly 100% of students take at least one course that uses the LMS
- LMS must be reliable, easy to use, and able to accommodate our growing and changing needs
- Three systems since 2002: WebCT, Blackboard Vista, Moodle
- Moodle development has lagged, causing widespread problems

LMS Committee

- 35 faculty, students, and staff
- Convened in September, met regularly for six months
- Explored all viable options
- Unanimously decided to pilot Canvas this spring with a go/no-go decision by mid-term

Canvas Pilot - Facts and Figures

- 51 faculty
- 30+ different disciplines
- 108 courses
- 3200+ students
- 14 fully online courses & 13 hybrid courses

Canvas Pilot - Faculty Feedback

- 74% in favor of recommending Canvas; 7% against; 19% have no preference between two systems
- Rated higher than Moodle:
 - System Reliability - 89% said better than Moodle [0% worse, 11% about the same]
 - Ease of Use - 59% said better than Moodle [9% worse, 32% about the same]
 - Feature Set - 54% said better than Moodle [10% worse, 37% about the same]
 - File Organization - 67% said better than Moodle [7% worse, 27% about the same]
 - Support Documentation - 66% said better than Moodle [2% worse, 32% about the same]
 - Mobile Device Compatibility - 81% said better than Moodle [3% worse, 16% about the same]
- Faculty like: Speedgrader app, more flexible than Moodle, toll-free 24/7 helpline

Canvas Pilot - Student Feedback

- 49% in favor of recommending Canvas; 25% against; 26% have no preference between two systems
- Ratings of reliability, ease of use, et al., the averages were 48% saying better than Moodle, 16% worse, and 36% about the same

Unanimous Committee Recommendation: Switch to Canvas as Campus LMS

- Ideally, Canvas available to campus by early April for course development for Fall term
- Summer courses available to be taught in Canvas
- Moodle will still be available for one year, until May 15, 2017
- Migration of course content - multiple pathways to do this
- 24/7 toll-free phone help and online chat available
- Webinars, workshops, consultations for faculty will be aligned with April rollout of Canvas