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Dear colleagues,

With midterms behind us, we wanted to continue offering updates on our Learning Management System (LMS) selection work, focusing on two important new resources.

Test-Drive Portal

A major milestone in this project is offering the ability to directly interact with each of the three candidate LMS systems. Requiring the use of your NAU login credentials, sandboxes for use are now available through the Test-Drive Portal, accessible directly (<https://in.nau.edu/academic-affairs/test-drive-portal>) or through a link in the right sidebar of the main LMS Transition information portal (<https://in.nau.edu/academic-affairs/lms-transition>). This resource will provide access to course shells that you can explore and modify on each of the D2L Brightspace, Instructure Canvas, and Blackboard Learn Ultra platforms. In addition, linked at the bottom of the right sidebar of the Test-Drive Portal, you'll find a link to a feedback form (the link is titled "Feedback Form") to offer further input on our selection criteria based on your experiences with each.

Frequently Asked Questions

Grounded in our interactions with stakeholder groups and discussions in college open forums, we also captured answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): You can access this resource directly (<https://in.nau.edu/academic-affairs/lms-faqs>) or through a link in the right sidebar of the main LMS Transition information portal titled "FAQs."

What comes next?

In the weeks ahead, we will be focusing on gathering additional feedback on our selection criteria and working toward mapping these criteria to instruments that will allow us to assess the three candidate systems, which will be a major focus of our work in the spring term.

As always, we encourage you to participate in this process and share your input!

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