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Dear colleagues,

First, I want to express our deepest appreciation to all who have engaged with our Learning Management System (LMS) guided activities and completed our LMS assessment questionnaire. Your thoughtful reflections and input are exceptionally useful!

Finalizing our selection

With our assessment questionnaire now closed, we are working to compile the information provided by hundreds of respondents and to evaluate how each of the candidate systems ranked across each selection criterion. This information—collected directly from the institutional community—will be a critical factor in selecting a system that best meets the broadest possible needs of students, faculty, and staff. We anticipate sharing more information on the final selection in the next few weeks.

Early implementation planning

As we enter the final phase of our work on selecting the institution's next LMS, we are concurrently initiating planning on implementation and migration efforts. As we have done throughout the selection process, we will share information about these planning efforts in regular communications. Leadership for this next phase of our collective work will remain within academic affairs and the Office of the Provost.

Our LMS Transition information portal (in.nau.edu/academic-affairs/lms-transition) will continue to be regularly updated and our implementation timeline (in.nau.edu/academic-affairs/implementation-timeline) shows major activities in our current planning.

It's important to highlight that our current Blackboard (BbLearn) Original platform will remain in place and we will have the entirety of academic year 2022-2023 to prepare for the transition. We anticipate that our first courses in the newly-selected LMS platform will be offered during summer 2023 with full deployment occurring in academic year 2023-2024.

We are grateful for everyone's participation in the process so far and look forward to continued and broad engagement in the work ahead!

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