LMS implementation updates, December 2022

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Dear colleagues,

As the fall 2022 term concludes, we wanted to share another update on our work toward adopting Instructure's Canvas as our next Learning Management System (LMS), including more information on (a) migration-related planning and resources and (b) on how to prepare for the acceleration of our migration efforts during the spring term.

Migration planning

We are offering faculty two pathways by which to prepare for delivering instruction in Canvas: Self-guided migration and K16-supported migration, with both pathways leveraging our new institutional course shell template developed by the e-Learning team for use with Canvas.

In self-guided migration, faculty will either be able to build new course shells in Canvas or export course content from Blackboard and import this content into a new Canvas course shell. This option provides faculty with the most fine-grained control over their course shell and offers the greatest opportunity to refresh course content and its organization. In a change from our original planning, and to ease migration activities for faculty, we will be retaining the ability to obtain exported content from Blackboard for import into Canvas through the end of academic year 2024-2025. Faculty who are certain they wish to engage in self-guided migration may begin requesting course development shells right away.

In K16-supported migration, we will leverage services from K16 Solutions, a leading provider of LMS migration technologies, to support migrating a subset of our course shells to Canvas. This option will automate certain migration tasks and reduce the burden of migrating course shells that require only minimal changes to content and structure. Our capacity to offer K16-supported migration is significant yet limited, so we will collaborate with academic unit leaders, starting at the beginning of the spring term, to help us identify which courses are best supported through this pathway, e.g., master shells for multi-section courses, recently redesigned and refreshed courses.

Preparing for migration

For either self-guided migration or K16-supported migration, faculty may begin preparing their course content and Blackboard course shells to ease the transition to Canvas. A more thorough guide with our recommendations for this preparatory work is captured in the *Bb Learn to Canvas Pre-Migration Guide*.

We hope that the holidays provide everyone with an opportunity to recharge and restore, and we look forward to continuing our collective work in the spring term!

All the best,

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