

DRAFT MINUTES

Education & Technology Meeting Notes

Meeting Oct 11, 3:30 PM

Attendance: J. Sinclair, G Hogue, K Biondolillo, P Wilkerson, H Torres, K Downum, H Pack, N Mitra, M McDaniel

Meeting With Dr. Damphousse in the Chancellor's conference room at the Chancellor's request

Information:

- According to Torres, Canvas is currently taking over the market share
- Dr. Damphousse has worked with several LMSs: Desire to Learn, Canvas and Blackboard
 - Where he was, they moved to Canvas in a way that was not disruptive – it took a year
 - He understood there would be a cost in getting new courses created in Canvas as well as a cost to help individuals change their on-line courses to Canvas
- It has to be a faculty Decision and has to go through the governance system
- According to Henry Torres,
 - Current usage of Blackboard is low. It runs between 30-40%
 - Canvas uses mobile where Blackboard does not use it well

Background

- ITS and the Edu & Tech committee have been looking at LMS options and alternatives to Blackboard since 2015. There is a link in Banner to the LMS review that provides details on product demonstrations, faculty surveys, etc. Few faculty attended demonstrations and/or completed surveys on features, etc. of alternate systems that were evaluated. The committee discussed a timeline for a proposed Canvas pilot project that did not materialize.
- As the Ed & Tech committee assisted in the LMS review over the last two years, cost savings was identified as the factor driving the proposed change.

Previous Ed & Tech committees were not inclined to support a change in LMS and no proposals for or against a change were submitted by the committee

At this time, Canvas is proposed as an alternative to Blackboard due to the perception that it is easier and better for students who want to access the LMS on cell phones and other mobile devices. Various features of Canvas were discussed including that it works with ZOOM has a classroom capture and other features used to improve LMS use.c.

Additional Discussion

The committee discussed how software change is inevitable (all software evolves), how all software users are resistant to change and that faculty are typical software users who will be resistant to change, and that moving from Blackboard to Canvas will need support from the Ed & Tech committee in order to get faculty buy-in to the project.

Student Opinion

- Hannah has used both Canvas and Blackboard
 - Blackboard was hard to get grades from her phone
 - Canvas was portable and was easy to use
 - She really liked Canvas
- Nandine
 - Doesn't think Blackboard is mobile friendly but has not used Canvas

Suggestion: Set up some pilots for Spring. It cannot be just committee members. It needs to be both On-line and Face-to-Face classes.

- Volunteers from Committee: Dr. Biondolillo, Dr. Wilkerson, Dr. Williams, Dr. Damphousse
- Suggestions from outside: Joanna Grymes

Timeline:

- Have to make a proposal to SGOC with justification
- Can take to Senate then Provost then work with chairs and deans
 - Try to get approval for pilot by November. Try to get to Senate by end of the academic year