LMS Task Force:

# Meeting Minutes

# October 8th, 2018 in Admin 103 Conference Room.

## Opening

First meeting of the LMS Task Force: October 8th, 2018 in Admin 103 Conference Room.

## Present

Thilla Sivakumaran, Loretta McGregor, Karen Blue, Kevin Downum, Jason Stewart, Wayne Wilkinson, John Nowlin, Kimberley Davis, Country Bracy, Bill Stroud, Tommy Shawn Long, Ross Carroll

**Other**

There is also a student focus group for this Task force. There will be a separate meeting and survey for them.

## Open Issues

1. **Purpose of the Task Force**: To provide a recommendation to the Chancellor concerning the university’s LMS change.
2. Options: Blackboard Ultra, Canvas
3. Reasons for the “switch”
4. Current contract with Blackboard Learn has or is about to expire.
5. Blackboard Learn will eventually not be supported (timing not clear)
6. Unable to discuss cost differences, implementation process/cost, and man power. It will be discussed with Henry Torres present at next meeting.
7. Evolution of technology so want to make sure we are providing the best resources for faculty and students
8. **Timeline**
9. Attached timeline was agreed upon by all present.
10. The recommendation to the Chancellor by the Task force will be presented on December 10th 2018.
11. Kevin Downum and Staff will hold in-house demos, so faculty feel more comfortable to ask questions.
12. Multiple demos (morning, afternoon, and different days of the week) to ensure everyone has an opportunity to come if they so choose.
13. Tentative Demo at Senate on October 19th.
14. **Faculty Survey**
15. Wayne Wilkinson requested Task force members look over the survey and email him by tomorrow (October 9th) with any recommendations or concerns regarding information included in the survey.
16. Wayne will develop a “prep” email to be sent to faculty members to be made aware of the survey they will be sent in the coming days.
17. Task force agreed to survey students at a later date.
18. **Questions**
19. Thilla questioned if it fair to look at something that isn’t done in reference to Blackboard Ultra being only 75% finished.
20. Karen Blue representing the nursing department expressed concerns about EAC, a mechanism used during assessment and if this and other mechanisms will be available to them on the new LMS.
21. Multiple concerns were raised regarding implementation for AOS. It was explained it would be a whole year process throughout 2019 to build it out for Fall 2020.
22. Multiple concerns about implementation plans. Suggestions were to start with just one college or start with freshman courses. These were determined it would cause too much confusion with two possible LMS at work at one time.
23. Question was raised why switch from Blackboard to Canvas considering there is a “Learn” or “Original” view option available in Blackboard Ultra that looks/works similar to Blackboard Learn
24. Comfortability/ User friendliness aspect
25. BB Ultra is a “totally different beast” especially if you do not have the Original/Learn view on
26. Raised concern that Blackboard learn will eventually be unsupported and switch will be necessary (either to Ultra or Canvas)
27. Many requests were made for recorded short videos or demos to be available for faculty, staff and students.
28. A suggestions of an adaptive release video (assuming this would be an option on Canvas) to demo before students can get into their classes.
29. It was suggested to demo both LMS transitioning a relatively simple/easy course, an intermediate and one with lots of concerns/obstacles for integration, e.g. a nursing course
30. Faculty want support and training in the new LMS, a clear implementation plan, and timeline so everyone is fully aware of what is going on.

## Agenda for Next Meeting

## Next meeting: October 29th 12:00pm, location TBD.

## To discuss when our current contract is up, price/feature comparisons of Blackboard Ultra and Canvas, and Blackboard Learn