

LMS TRANSITION COMMITTEE
UPDATE TO SE FACULTY, STAFF, & STUDENTS
(2.11.2022)

LMS Transition Committee Activities Summary

The Learning Management System (LMS) Transition Committee was formed in August of 2021 to examine LMS platforms that show the most promise to meet the needs of faculty, staff, and students at Southeastern. An initial timeline was developed and presented to the Distance Education Council DEC in their first meeting of the semester on August 27, 2021.

- [Initial Timeline presented to DEC \(8.27.2021\)](#)

The LMS Transition Committee met regularly through September and October and shared their progress identifying LMS platforms for consideration. On October 22, 2021, the DEC held an Open Forum and invited faculty, staff, and students to attend to learn more about the process, the LMS platforms under consideration, ask questions, and provide feedback. During this meeting the LMS Transition Committee made a presentation to share the details regarding the work that had been done by the group since its formation. This work included administering Student and Faculty/Staff surveys regarding the features that are most important to consider in an LMS Platform. From this input, information shared by other state institutions currently using each platform, and demonstrations by vendors the committee developed evaluation criteria based on a broad set of categories (see link below). This meeting was made available in person and via Zoom. The meeting was also recorded.

- [LMS Evaluation Criteria Categories](#) (purple tab)
- [LMS Transition Committee Presentation for DEC Open Forum \(10.22.2021\)](#)
- [DEC Open Forum \(10.22.2021\) Recording](#)

The LMS Transition Committee continued to participate in focused and advanced demonstrations by the top three LMS platforms that were determined to be the best matches for SE Faculty, Staff, and Students from October through January. Committee members were provided with temporary (sandbox) accounts within each platform and spent time exploring each of the systems. These experiences allowed committee members to ask specific questions of vendors regarding functions that were related to the evaluation criteria mentioned above. On January 21, 2022, The LMS Transition Committee made another presentation to share information that had been discovered since the Open Forum in October.

- [LMS Transition Committee Update Presentation for DEC \(1.21.2022\)](#)

Following the January DEC meeting, the LMS Transition Committee members continued to attend demonstrations for third party tools that integrate with the LMS platforms under consideration and to review quotes from potential vendors. Quote information is available in the spreadsheet linked below. Please note, conversations have already begun with some vendors to get the best possible price for SE. Quotes may change as negotiations continue.

- [Quotes from Vendors for LMS Platforms & Third-Party Tools](#) (green tab)

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On February 4th, 2022, LMS Committee Members met to discuss their thoughts regarding the three LMS platforms under consideration, and to review details and ask questions about integration of third-party platforms. Members were asked to take into account their experience using sandbox courses in each LMS, information they had learned during demonstrations with vendors, and discussions they had engaged in with others to vote for the top two LMS platforms from the three under consideration.

The result of this vote narrows the LMS platforms now under consideration to Canvas and D2L/Brightspace.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

On Friday, February 18th, Faculty and Staff will have another opportunity to explore Canvas and D2L/Brightspace and learn more about third party tools that integrate with these platforms. The **LMS Information Fair** will also provide another opportunity for input regarding the final LMS decision.

On Wednesday, February 23rd, the LMS Transition Committee will make presentations to the **Academic Council** and to **Faculty Senate** to share the committee's work, answer questions, and solicit feedback.

The LMS Transition Committee has also requested to make a presentation to SE **Student Government Association** to share the committee's work, answer questions, and solicit feedback. We expect to hear back from SGA next week (W/E 2/18/2022) about a date for this presentation.

LMS Transition Proposal Approval Process

The LMS Transition Committee will present their proposal for the adoption of an LMS system to the **Distance Education Council by March 25th, 2022.**

If approved by the Distance Education Council, The LMS Transition Committee will present their proposal for the adoption of an LMS system to the **Academic Council and Faculty Senate by March 30th, 2022.**

Once approved by all three bodies mentioned above, the proposal will be presented to the **Executive Team** for approval and implementation and contract negotiations will begin.