**LMS Evaluation Task Force**

# Background

CSM will transition from the self-hosted Blackboard environment to a new hosted Learning Management System (LMS) beginning Summer 2016. The transition will be completed by January 1, 2017. See for details at [www.LMShosting.weebly.com](http://www.LMShosting.weebly.com) about the transition.

Before selecting and implementing a new LMS, CSM will undertake three months of testing and evaluation with faculty to understand the needs of our teaching and learning community. Sixteen to twenty instructors will be appointed to a LMS Evaluation Task Force. The three hosted systems to be reviewed include Blackboard Learn, Instructure Canvas, and Brightspace D2L.

# Task Force Activities

1. Each vendor give a presentation to the CSM community, including the LMS Evaluation Task Force members.
2. The DLF team will reach out to other Maryland educational institutions to inquire about their experiences with transitioning from self-hosting to LMS hosting. This information will be forwarded to the LMS Evaluation Task Force.
3. The LMS Evaluation Task Force will test and evaluate the three LMS platforms in a “Sandbox” environment. The task force will review each system thoroughly for accessibility, technology considerations, migration of existing content, and interoperability. These functional evaluations will ensure the chosen system would work for all members of our community, both in the short term and in the long term.
4. The LMS Evaluation Task Force will discuss the findings of the Technology Review Group.
5. The LMS Evaluation Task Force will make a recommendation on the selected hosted LMS.

# Appointed Task Force Members

# Administrative Roles are assigned to Joel Kinison (DLF), Barry Hamilton (ITS), Daphne Morris (DLF) and Keisha Patterson (DLF). Instructor roles are assigned to the following task force members:

1. Barbara Abdul-Karim, BAT (BUS)
2. Dick Whalen, BAT (TIS)
3. Rose Miller, HEA (LEON)
4. Donna Sperry, MTH (MyMathLab)
5. Lisa Lynk Smith, SOC (PRIN)
6. Kelly Winters, CWD (staff)
7. Amy Carney, ACS (Staff)
8. Ronda Jacobs, SSC (Staff)
9. Wendy Cleary, ITS (Staff)
10. James McCrary, MTH (Adjunct)
11. Daphne Powell, BAT (TIS)
12. Agathachristy Ojo, LAN (Adjunct)
13. Dave Phalen, LAN (LEON)
14. Kristin Titswoth, MAR (Staff)
15. Travis Loveday, DSI (Staff)
16. Terry Jordan, BIO
17. Rich Siciliano, LAN
18. Sarah Merranko, SOC (PRIN)
19. Susan Strickland, MTH (LEON)

# Everett Oliver, BIO (Adjunct)