

LMS Evaluation Task Force

Task Force Activities for the week of June 8th, 2015

This email is an invitation for your first task force activity; 1.) **Each vendor gives a presentation to the CSM community, including the LMS Evaluation Task Force members.** Below is the information for each of the webinars.

There will be several options to view the 1 hour vendor welcome webinar. This is an opportunity to view what each LMS has to offer and to ask any questions to help us determine which LMS is best for CSM. Please join us in ST145 during the live webinar. If you are unable to attend view the webinar simultaneously via a remote connection, or watch the recorded webinar at a later date. Details on the recorded webinar will be released after the event. This email will be followed up with access information to the sandboxes.

Webinar Details

Instructure Canvas

Mark Blossil Introduction to Canvas
Tuesday, June 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
La Plata Campus, ST145

If you are unable to attend you can access from a computer remotely.
The Access Code below will work for any of these numbers:

United States: (844) 462-8404
United States: (855) 804-9616

Access Code: 3474-1238

Webinar: canvaslmslive.com/blossil



Brightspace D2L

Guy Caldwell Introduction to D2L
Wednesday, June 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
La Plata Campus, ST145

If you are unable to attend you can access from a computer remotely.
Mobile: tel://1-888-875-1833;*,3919707207#

Web Meeting: <https://desire2learn0.globalmeet.com/GuyCaldwell>

Primary Access Number: 1-888-875-1833 Guest Passcode: 391 970 7207



Blackboard Learn

Katherine Wang Introduction to Hosted Blackboard
Wednesday, June 10, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
La Plata Campus, ST145

If you are unable to attend you can access from a computer remotely.

Web Meeting (Blackboard Collaborate): tinyurl.com/ajovanisvirtualoffice



Blackboard

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 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 gives 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.