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Good afternoon members of DE Committee,

We will meet for an hour at 12 noon - this Thursday, 9/24 in AACR to review and finalize the DE Recommendation, and discuss streamlining process for teaching online.

The updated DE Recommendation is provided

DE Committee Recommendation

The DE committee has reviewed the following materials and information on Canvas.

1. In May 2013, the District DE Stakeholders and the District Academic Senate President called for a task force to study the feasibility of a single Learning Management System (LMS), now commonly referred to as Course Management System or CMS. During 2013 and 2014 the task force conducted a careful analysis (1) which included both student and faculty surveys (2013-2014). In March 2014, the task force made the following recommendation:

"Following a review of the report from LACCD Feasibility Task Force (2013-2014), the District Distance Coordinators and District Stakeholders Committee Force conclude that a single Course Management System (CMS) for the LACCD is feasible. The committee recommends that the Technology Policy & Planning Committee (TPPC) systematically evaluate the use of a single CMS for the LACCD Colleges"

2. In January 2014, the governor of the State of California proposed funding in his 2014-2015 budget for expanding access to the CCC's, CSU's and UC's by offering additional online courses. With the passage of the budget, the Online Education Initiative (OEI) was born.(2)

The Online Education Initiative (OEI) is a collaborative effort among California Community Colleges (CCCs) to increase student success and completion by working together to increase access to quality online courses and support services for students. (3) . The OEI was initially funded through a $56.9 million grant over five years from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office, a key initiative in support of Governor Jerry Brown's focus on increasing student success. The OEI is one of three major initiatives—including the Education Planning Initiative and the Common Assessment Initiative—that are expected to integrate, improve, and evolve existing technology services on behalf of California's community college students. (4)

3. During Spring 2014 through December 2014, a specially selected CMS workgroup of the OEI used a collaborative, faculty driven process, to select the best CMS to meet the needs of our CCC students and to procure a CMS that serves the needs of all CCC students, both online and in our face-to-face classes. (5)

4. In February 2015, following 3 days of product demonstrations; the Common Course Management Systems (CCMS) Committee cast a nearly unanimous vote to adopt Instructure's Canvas as the CCMS. and cited the following supporting reasons:

intuitive student and instructor experience
overwhelming support from students
exceptional faculty adoption rate
increased student success and completion rates
flexibility for students
overwhelming support from CCC community (5)

5. The LAMC DE Committee, in reviewing whether to adopt Canvas, took into account the following benefits in adopting a single LMS and Canvas:

LAMC will be part of a community of educators designing the future of Canvas as it goes forward
Canvas will be integrated among the services available across the system-wide initiatives including resources currently being piloted (Online Tutoring and Student Readiness Modules) in the OEI.
Professional development opportunities for using Canvas will be provided through the initiative at no cost our college
Course migration support will be provided.
LAMC will no longer have costs associated with a self-hosting infrastructure
Upgrades will be completed system-wide - no downtime for students and faculty because Canvas is on the Amazon cloud and not on any single college server subject to maintenance and downtime
Additional resources will be integrated over time
Significant reduction of the cost of the CMS as it will be subsidized by initiative funds
The RFP/Procurement process has been thoroughly conducted thus saving the college time in the adoption process
Adjunct faculty who teach throughout the District will not have to learn multiple or different systems.
Students will have a seamless experience when taking online, hybrid and web-enhanced courses on the multiple campuses (6)

6. On August 7, 2015, DE members and other LAMC faculty and administrators participated in a an online webinar which demonstrated the features of Canvas including the automated use of SLO rubrics in grading, and video recording of comments and feedback on assignments. The webinar was recorded, posted at the DE website, and forwarded to LAMC faculty. (7).

7. Following the webinar in August, Canvas created "test drive" sandbox for all LAMC Faculty to test drive Canvas, located at http://lamission.instructure.com - DE members received their own Canvas shells, and then conducted their own "test drive" and technical review.

Canvas provided three sample classes in the LAMC "sandbox" to assist DE members and LAMC faculty with their technical review of Canvas
Introduction to Psychology at https://lamission.instructure.com/courses/36
Music Theory at https://lamission.instructure.com/courses/37
Welcome to Canvas at https://lamission.instructure.com/courses/35 with sample videos, and tutorials to assist in learning and experiencing Canvas.

8. On September 17, 2015, the DE Committee convened in its regular September meeting, reviewed the results of their individual "test drive" and technical review and unanimously voted to recommend that LAMC adopt Canvas as the single Mission College Course Management System, and further recommended that the College, OEI, and Canvas provide full support and training to train LAMC faculty and students. (8)

Conclusion & DE Committee Recommendation

After careful consideration and technical review of Canvas Course Management System. The DE committee recommends that LAMC adopt Canvas as the single College Course Management. Full support and training is expected by the college, OEI and Canvas to help train all of our LAMC faculty and students in the use of Canvas CMS, migrate all current online/hybrid, and face to face contents. We expect a Summer 2016 launch date for Canvas.

Evidence

1. DDEC recommendation that a single Course Management System is feasible for the LACCD - http://lamission.edu/de/single-lms.pdf

2. OEI History - http://www.asccc.org/content/online-education-initiative-progress-

3. OEI FAQ - http://lamc-ddl.pbworks.com/w/file/fetch/100702063/oei%20overview.

4. OEI was funded - - http://lamc-ddl.pbworks.com/w/file/fetch/100700950/ccms%20faq%2020150313.pdf

5. CMS Selection process - https://ccconlineed.instructure.com/courses/90/pages/selection

6. Benefits of Adopting Canvas - https://ccconlineed.instructure.com/courses/90/pages/why-should-we-consider-an-upgrade-to-canvas

7. Online Canvas webinar for DE members and LAMC Faculty - http://canvaslmslive.com/v/z2tbca

8. DE Minutes - 9-17-15 - DE recommendation that LAMC adopt and migrate to Canvas Course Management System

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