NextGen Unit Representatives

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Today’s Discussion

Announcements

Unizin & the Canvas Pilot

MiWorkspace Update - New Status Report
Announcements

● Slight meeting changes
  ○ Build content based on December feedback
  ○ Announce topic for the next meeting one month in advance
  ○ Send pre-reads or questions to consider the Monday before
  ○ Send a follow up email with presentation, video, other links
  ○ Shift to MiWorkspace updates vs. always primary topic
Unizin & the Canvas pilots

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What is Unizin?
- Consortium of universities
- Not-for-profit service operator with a CEO and board of directors
- Internet2 will serve as financial home to Unizin

Why?
- Exert greater influence over the digital learning marketspace
- Push innovation in the digital learning ecosystem
Deliverables?

- Build Cloud-based infrastructure based on open technology standards
  - Instructional delivery platform: Canvas
  - Analytics Platform
  - Content Repository/Relay

Working Groups

- Accessibility, Analytics, Content, Standards, Migration Support, User Profiles
KEEP CALM AND CANVAS ON
What makes Canvas different?

Canvas offers several enhanced learning capabilities not currently available in CTools:

- SpeedGrader
- Peer assessment
- Learning outcome mapping
- Online rubrics
- Learning analytics
- Streamlined instructional workflows
- Based on open learning standards
Winter 2015 Course Analytics

1,539 Assignments | 917 Discussion Topics | 5,544 Files Uploaded | 415 Media Recordings

Activity by Date

Each bar represents the number of page views on that day. An orange bar indicates that some user took an action within a course on that day.

Activity by Category

Each bar represents the number of page views related to that category.
The Pilots

Fall 2014:

● 23 courses, 33 instructors, 3,000+ students
● LMS Pilot Team provided 1:1 support to all instructors

Winter 2015:

● 110 courses from 15 schools/colleges
● 123 instructors and nearly 7,000 students
● Engaging with academic unit to define the local pace of adoption
Faculty advisory group charged to identify any major obstacles moving forward with a campus-wide deployment.

Conclusion:

DIAG found no major impediment for U-M’s adoption of Canvas.
75% faculty and 58% students prefer Canvas over CTools

In general, pilot instructors:

● Found Canvas more intuitive and user-friendly with better integrated tools, more LTI compatible, and personalizable

● Were impressed with SpeedGrader, Files, and Calendar tools

● Were very satisfied with support they received during the pilot
Winter Pilot Evaluation

● Goals
  ○ Continue to probe for gaps/issues
  ○ Record successes and innovations
  ○ Inform migration process

● Approach
  ○ Faculty learning community, survey and interviews
  ○ Focus groups with students and Unit Contacts

● Communication about Evaluation
  ○ Faculty Learning Community
  ○ Info sessions on 2/26, 4/13, week of 5/4
Unit Contacts

Each school and college designated individuals who helped determine which courses participated in winter pilot.

Vlad Wielbult - School of Public Health unit contact
Key Messages During Winter 2015 Term

- Positive evaluation results
- No major impediments to the adoption of Canvas
- Unit specific adoption timelines
- Canvas available to all faculty Fall 2015
- Migration tools in development
- Enhancing the analytics capabilities
- No immediate plans to retire CTools
  - CTools course sites available through at least April 2016
Group Discussion

- How have you successfully introduced changes to teaching and learning tools that we may be able to apply to Canvas?
- What are the concerns about what you heard today?
- What are the opportunities about what you heard today?

Link to the Group Discussion Google document for note-taking
Learn More

- **Canvas at Michigan** - public Canvas course providing news, support materials, and discussion boards for pilot instructors and support staff.
- **NextGen Project Website** - includes list of pilot courses, unit contact names, CRLT evaluation, DIAG report, and background info about Canvas and Unizin.
- Unit Representative pre-reads sent by Phil last week:
  - **CRLT Fall Pilot Evaluation: Executive Summary**
  - **Instructor Martha McComas shares her experience in fall pilot** (video)
  - **Why Canvas?** (video)
MiWorkspace Monthly Status Update

Phil Ray - philray@umich.edu
March or April Topics

- WiFi Expansion Project Update - Andy Palms
- Bring Your Own Device Project Update - Terry Houser
- MiWorkspace Updates
- Questions or Feedback - philray@umich.edu
Thank you