Texas A&M Learning Management System (LMS) Review Process

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What is IT Governance?

IT Governance is the assurance that Information Technology aligns with the outcomes required by Texas A&M University for successful fulfillment of its mission. It ensures that appropriate decision-making activities (prioritization and funding) are done in concert with the university’s strategic priorities, while taking into account input from a broad base of students, faculty and staff from across the university.
IT GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

ARCHITECTURE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
- Analyze current state of the network and benchmark against peer institutions.
- Identify duplicated IT infrastructure and recommend consolidation.
- Develop knowledge base for technical standards and IT resources.

ENTERPRISE APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE
- Analyze current landscape of IT services provided across campus.
- Examine communication and collaboration tools across the university.
- Support regulatory and security compliance through centrally funded tools.
- Develop central procurement process for IT resources.

INFORMATION RISK, POLICY, AND SECURITY COMMITTEE
- Access security risks and identify security tools to be standardized across the university.
- Identify strategies for applying HIPPA, including protecting PHI and PII data.
- Identify strategies for addressing the impact of Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI).
- Develop security program designed to raise the security posture of the university.

RESEARCH & INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE
- Survey Council of Principal Investigators (CPI) to understand research needs.
- Create plans to position Texas A&M University as a premier research institution.
- Find financing mechanisms to improve research computing.

TEACHING & TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE
- Develop strategies to better use technologies that enhance teaching and learning.
- Distribute survey to recognize barriers to adopting student-centered, technology-rich teaching approaches.
- Recommend 2-3 teaching related services that could be consolidated or eliminated.
LMS - What’s changing and Why

• Texas A&M's current contract with eCampus (a.k.a. Blackboard Learn) will expire August 31, 2021
• M. Dee Childs, Texas A&M Vice President of IT and Chief Information Officer, directed the IT Governance program to develop a faculty-centric Learning Management System (LMS) selection committee to review LMS systems currently available in the marketplace.
The Selected LMS Products

• Canvas
• BlackBoard Ultra
• Brightspace (D2L)
Canvas Product Demonstration

January 28
• Vendor demonstrations

January 29
• Open lab time with Canvas

January 30 – February 8
• Webinars and FAQ sessions with Canvas
• Demo Canvas course available to faculty
Blackboard Ultra Product Demonstration

February 18
• Vendor demonstration

February 19
• Open lab time with Blackboard Ultra

February 20 – March 1
• Webinars and FAQ sessions with Blackboard
• Demo Blackboard Ultra course available to faculty
Brightspace Product Demonstration

March 18
  • Vendor demonstration

March 19
  • Open lab time with Brightspace

March 20 – March 29
  • Webinars and FAQ sessions with Brightspace
  • Demo Brightspace course available to faculty
University Community Feedback Forums

- April 3:
  - 3:00 - 5:00 pm
  - Gates Ballroom (MSC 2400)

- April 4:
  - 9:00 - 11:00 am
  - Rudder Tower 601

**April 8**

- University-wide feedback survey will be distributed for feedback
IT Governance Proposals

May 15
- Presentation of Report and Recommendation to the Teaching and Transformational Learning Technologies Committee (TTLTC)

May 17
- Presentation of Report and Recommendation to the Strategic IT Committee (SITC)
IT Governance Proposals (cont.)

June - July
• Final revisions made to report based on findings from the TTLTC and SITC presentations and input from each ITG Committee

July 11
• Presentation of Report and Recommendation to the Executive IT Council (EITC)
Additional Information

• Visit the LMS Review website at: u.tamu.edu/lmsreview

• Register for Presentations, workshops and webinars on the website

• Email lms-review@tamu.edu or your college or campus representative
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