

SINGLE LEARNING MANGEMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

November 2023

Goals for a systemwide LMS

- Provide students an improved and more consistent experience across the Montana University System
- Lower ongoing licensing and support costs
- Provide smaller institutions access to new tools, including 24X7 support for students, faculty and staff



Overall Timeline

RFP Process

- After initial scoring two vendors moved forward to the demonstration phase

Cost Proposal

- Scoring based on 5-year total contract cost, vendor hosting, implementation and course transition services and tier 1 administrator and end-user support

Contract Signed

- Contract awarded to Canvas by Instructure.

Go Live Goal

- All campuses will be teaching on Canvas no later than Summer 2025

Scoring and Contract Team Membership

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Why Canvas?

- Ease of use and intuitiveness for students and faculty
- Mobile friendliness
- Flexible interoperability with outside tools
- Strong analytics that are easily accessible to faculty
- Canvas Commons -- enables sharing of content within and across institutions

Immediate Next Steps: System Level

- LMS Advisory Council re-established, with monthly meeting frequency
- Canvas training for 18 system administrators began on October 30
- Planning for onsite training for faculty and staff early Spring 2024
- Student communication and training Spring 2024

Advisory Committee Membership

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Immediate Next Steps: Campus Level

- Campuses have all received their instance, January 8 kickoff for Montana Canvas Cohort 1
- Each campus has a transition team formed and that will be the local decision-making source

System Benefits

- Canvas Commons provides a convenient resource sharing tool (e.g. OER, CCN)
- MUS Course Sharing provides a more seamless experience for students with a single LMS
- Student, Faculty and Staff training resources can be developed and deployed
- Communities of Practice