

SELECTING THE NEXT LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Conference on Higher Education Computing in Kansas

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Kansas State University

LMS History at Pitt State

- Blackboard Basic until summer 2007
- ANGEL Learning fall 2007
- Blackboard bought ANGEL in May 2009
- ANGEL contract expiring in June 2012
- ANGEL end of life 2014

What Next?

- ⦿ Upgrade to final release of ANGEL version 8.0
- ⦿ Move (return) to Blackboard
- ⦿ Look at the entire LMS marketplace AGAIN (including Bb)

The Search Begins

Initial Focus Group

- ANGEL Admin
- CIO
- Instructional Support Consultants ISC (Support faculty within each college)
- Director of CTLT
- Instructional Designer

Main Search Criteria

- At least as good as ANGEL
- Can work with our IT infrastructure
- Can integrate at some level with home-grown SIS
- No new personnel needed to support

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Narrowing down the field

6 LMS vendors were contacted

- Webinar with each vendor
- Standard set of questions for each vendor
- Fact finding mission
- Pricing models (cost was not a factor to eliminate any option at this point)
- All 6 were approved by initial focus group

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LMS Task Force Assembled

17 Members

- Faculty - Member from each of 4 colleges, Faculty Senate President
- Students – 2 students who also work at Help Desk on campus
- Staff - currently using ANGEL for committees
- Initial Focus Group



Evaluation Tool Created

Rubric developed from

- ⦿ “Must haves” submitted by Task Force
- ⦿ ISC most used ANGEL features
- ⦿ Technical requirements from IT



FEATURE	EXCELLENT (3)	GOOD (2)	FAIR (1)	NOT AVAILABLE (0)	SCORE
<u>Design & Layout</u> Intuitive user interface Drag-and-Drop? Ability to customize pages (instructors & students) Ease of navigation within course & to other courses					
<u>Communication</u> Social Media integration E-mail Notification system Chat/Instant messaging Announcements/Calendar					
<u>Collaboration</u> Discussion Forum Threaded discussions Blogs, Wikis, RSS Mobile applications File sharing Personal file storage					
<u>Class Management</u> Customizable tracking reports Roster & Attendance Course statistics Student view as instructor Learning Obj. Repository					
<u>Content</u> File types supported Copy content/course HTML & WYSIWYG editor Archive course Ability to disable Selective release					

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Task Force Duties

- ⦿ Attend demo's of each of the 6 systems
- ⦿ Evaluate each vendor with rubric
- ⦿ Sandbox account with each vendor



Pitt State LMS Task Force Evaluation Form Results

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Average Score	1.33	2.80	1.29	2.00	1.60	0.79
High	3	3	2	3	3	3
Low	0	2	0	0	0	0



Task Force Evaluation Results

- Two vendors stood out
- Recommended to bring these 2 for full campus evaluation



Campus Demonstrations

- Sent rubric to both vendors
- Two-day demos
- Audience specific
- Locations and timeframe same for both
- Attendees received print copy of survey for note taking



Pitt State - LMS Evaluation Faculty and Staff

Please use this rubric to help facilitate your response to an electronic survey. The link for the survey will be emailed to you after the session(s) that you attend.

Thank you for helping in making this important decision for Pittsburg State.

Areas of Consideration	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Comments
Design and Layout					
Overall Design of System					
Ease of Navigation					
Intuitive User Interface					
Layout of Courses					
Layout of Home Page					
Communication and Collaboration Tools					
Announcements					
Calendar					
Chat or Live Classroom					
Discussion Forums					
Email (conversations)					

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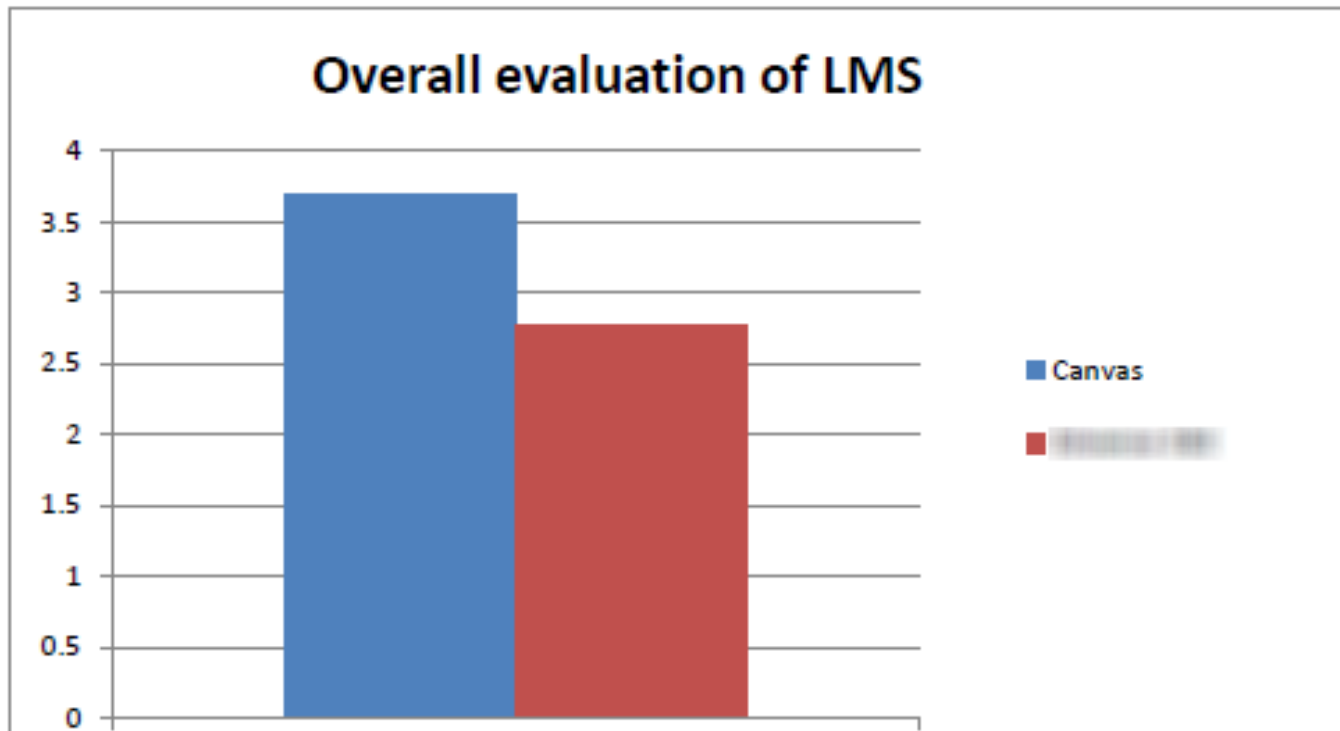
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Vendor Evaluations

- Electronic surveys sent after demos
- Those attending both demos completed an additional survey comparing systems



	Canvas	Blackboard
Overall Evaluation		
Very Good	38	11
Good	14	17
Fair	1	12
Poor	0	5
<i>Rating Average</i>	3.70	2.76



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Task Force Evaluation of Surveys

- Results of surveys shared with task force
- Unanimous vote to recommend Canvas



Next Steps

- Nov. 1st recommended to appropriate leadership boards
- Dec. 1st contract signed
- Implementation team formed



Implementation Team

- ⦿ Weekly Meetings
- ⦿ Conference Calls with Canvas each week
- ⦿ Set timeline to complete each phase
 - SIS integration
 - Authentication
 - Beta Course Creation



Beta Testers

- 19 Faculty
- Weekly Meetings
- Students in Canvas February 2012
- Courses testing
 - Face-to-face, Blended, Fully Online
 - Undergraduate and graduate courses



Today...

- ⦿ Campus-wide training started March 12
 - 126 sessions within 7 weeks
- ⦿ Weekly training opportunities throughout the summer
- ⦿ Full roll out June 1st
 - ANGEL no longer accessible

Why Canvas?

- ◎ Teaching Enhancement Tools
 - Notification system
 - Integration of Google Docs/Etherpad
 - Web Conferencing
 - Scribd integration
 - Audio & Video creation tools
 - Browser support

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- ◎ Learning Enhancement Tools
 - Web 2.0 Integrated Services
 - Mobile Apps no extra charge
 - “What If” grade tool for students

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- ◎ Assessment Enhancement Tools
 - Rubrics linked to outcomes
 - Sub-account structure to accommodate program, department administration
 - ePortfolio

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