

## Minutes of the Undergraduate Assembly

November 6, 2018

The University of Texas at Arlington

Called to order Pranesh Aswath 2:15pm

### Minutes

Minute ratification – No notes or corrections. Unanimously approved

### Canvas

Maria Martinez Cosio presented an update on the implementation on Canvas (replacing Blackboard). Some classes will be testing Canvas during the spring, full rollout Summer/Fall of 19. A webpage for info and training is up and running and will be added to. <https://www.uta.edu/provost/Canvas/index.php>

Q&A:

- Is it a completely different thing than Blackboard? Maria: Is quite different but will allow for some information migration to help transition
- What is the cost comparison? Maria: Canvas is cheaper but we're adding tools that will make the cost similar.
- Will we lose our SafeAssign database that's part of Blackboard (web-plagiarism, etc)? Maria: Not sure. I'll check.
- Will our other 3<sup>rd</sup> party tools (like Echo360) still work with this? Maria: yes

### Faculty On-Boarding

Pranesh: There seems to be an issue with faculty on-boarding with the system. Administrators need to start the approval process as soon as possible, to avoid the logjam at the beginning of the term that's already complicated by inevitable last minute hires.

Q&A:

- Can we get HR to work to be ahead of the game to minimize surprises?
- I was informed that temporary net ID's are no longer possible? What about giving department administration (Associate Chair) the power to do this, so we don't have to wait on HR?
- Pranesh: I will get someone from HR here for next meeting to help streamline and inform.

### Submissions from the UCC

UCC approvals from 10/23/2018 meeting were reviewed by the UA.

Move to accept UCC changes: Andrew Gaupp.

Second: Jodi Tommerdahl. Motion Passes unanimously.

### Other Business

Yash, Student Body President: Concern over one-day break between classes and exams. Why the reduction?

Pranesh: That extra day was taken in order to make sure there was no overlap between finals and commencement.

Lynn Peterson: We should look to ensure that dead week. That could help.

Pranesh Aswath makes move to Adjourn, Joshua Nason seconds. Unanimously passes. Adjourned, 2:58pm