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CANVAS UPDATES

➤ Courses for Group 3 (Fall courses) will begin "white glove" migration on May 6 and College/School champions are adjusting their lists by checking with faculty in preparation. Group 1 (246 courses) are going through course validation, and Canvas is completing Group 2 (429 courses) by April 19. Academic Partnership sent 107 courses to Canvas white glove on March 18th and expects Group 1-AO to be completed by April 30th.

➤ A new syllabus template was introduced that is accessible for our students with disabilities. It also divides the syllabus into course content and institutional content. The latter will be updated centrally via webpage, ensuring that the latest policies appear in each syllabus across campus.

➤ The first part of the grades integration with MyMav and Canvas is currently in testing phase by our technical team with assistance from the Registrar's Office. This integration focuses on using the custom gradebook columns in Canvas for instructors to enter information and also to capture F justification entries within Canvas.

➤ Canvas migration orientation sessions for faculty were provided for Group 3 during the last week of March. The last set of Canvas migration orientations are scheduled for May 2nd, 9-10 am and May 3rd, 2-3 pm in Nedderman 100. The sessions are available live in Echo 360.

➤ The Business Technology Service (BTS) team continues working with non-academic units to assist them with the Canvas migration. Training sessions are available every other week. For registration, please visit the BTS Training site.

➤ Marketing to students begins in April in preparation for Summer and Fall 2019 classes. Posters, table tents, Shorthorn ads and other information will be visible across campus encouraging students to enroll in the Student Canvas Training course, download the Canvas app and begin engaging with its many features. Digital screens across campus will also feature ads through April, May and in August.

CANVAS TRAINING

☞ The CDE Training team created a UTA-branded student Canvas training course that faculty can integrate into their courses or students can take on their own. The Canvas team is working with UNIV instructors and Orientation staff to ensure that students are introduced to Canvas at the start of Fall semester.

☞ CDE is offering 54 training sessions in April to assist our faculty with specific tools within Canvas. These sessions will be available in person and also via Echo 360. For a detailed schedule and registration, please visit the training site at canvas.uta.edu

☞ In-person training sessions continue to be available during Canvas Open Lab hours every Friday from 2 – 4 pm in Nedderman Hall Room 319. Faculty are asked to register to ensure that enough staff will be available to assist them.

☞ Training also continues for non-academic users of the LMS to bring their training courses or their Blackboard organizations into Canvas. Training is offered by OIT and those interested can register here.

COLLEGE/SCHOOL CHAMPION REMINDERS

Key Tasks

- Faculty must complete the "Growing with Canvas" course in order to sign off on their course once migrated from Blackboard to Canvas. Also please check the migration Google doc from Canvas to ensure faculty are responding promptly to migration team questions.
- Identify migration White Glove Group 3 and submit list to the Canvas Team by 4/19.
- Distribute guidelines for requesting and creating new courses in Canvas to your college faculty. The process is in your Champions *Files* folder in Teams.
- Encourage faculty to register for upcoming training sessions.
- We welcome your ideas for topics for the next round of training sessions by Canvas in the Fall. Please forward your suggestions to canvasteam@uta.edu

CANVAS CONTACT INFORMATION

- Transition Website: canvas.uta.edu
- Transition Team: canvasteam@uta.edu
- Canvas Newsletters are archived at canvas.uta.edu.

CANVAS FEATURE OF THE MONTH

Canvas Commons

Canvas Commons is a shared learning repository created and maintained by Canvas users. Commons allows instructors to store and retrieve course resources (i.e. modules, assignments, videos, etc.) and share these resources with colleagues, and the broader Canvas community. Faculty can also search for UTA templates in the Commons.

The Canvas Commons offers faculty ideas for updating an existing course and/or reviewing materials or learning resources from other courses shared by instructors which can be imported into their Canvas "practice" course. Faculty can also build personal libraries by archiving past courses for use in the future. More information on using Canvas Commons, which is exclusievly for faculty, is available here.

For announcements, updates, helpful tips and ideas for enhancing teaching and learning with Canvas AT UTA, visit the Canvas webpage:

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