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Learning Management System Transition

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

LMS Transition

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SECTION ONE

Background

Why Now?

The past five years have seen tremendous innovations in these platforms to be more user friendly from a teaching and learning perspective (benefiting faculty and students), including being more mobile device friendly. As a result, our current LMS platform was releasing a new platform, allowing the university the opportunity to systematically review the platform options that would best serve our students and faculty moving forward.

Blackboard LEARN ULTRA

canvas

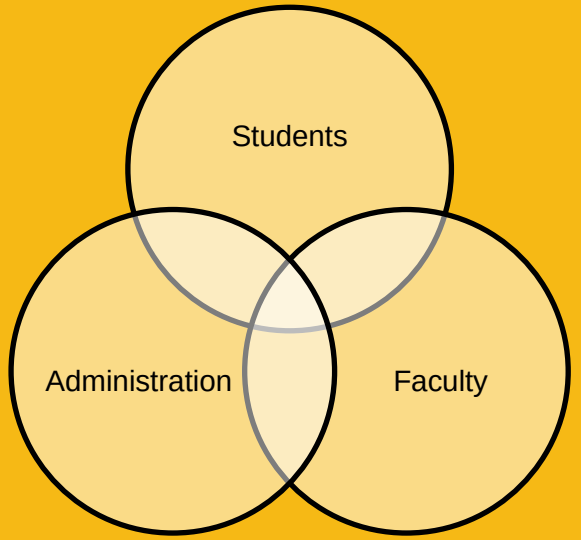
brightspace by D2L

SECTION TWO

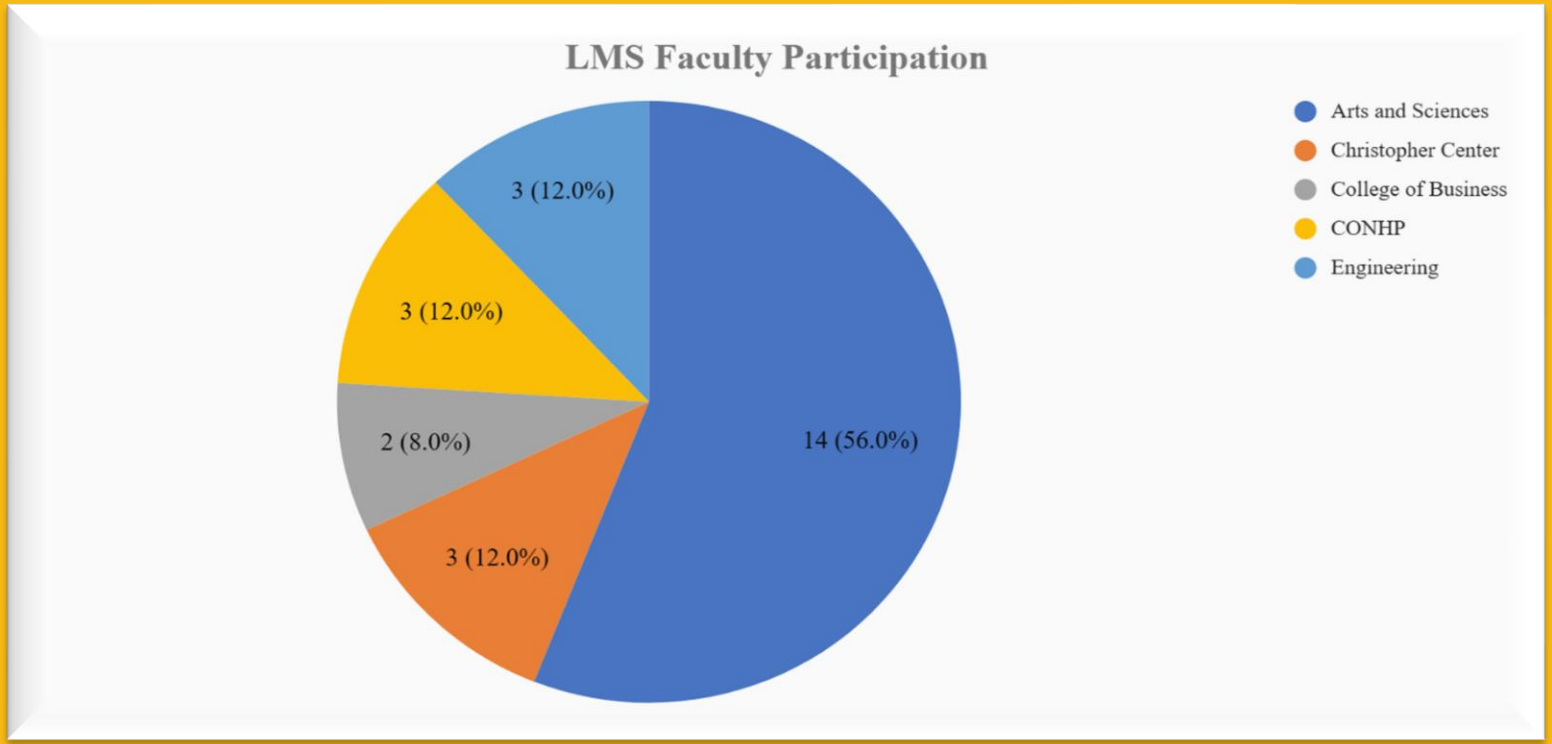
Process

Stakeholders

The review process has been led by a cross-functional team including participants from the Center for Innovation in Teaching, Assessment, and Learning (CITAL), the Office of information Technology (IT), and the Christopher Center for Library and Information Resources (CCLIR). The process was designed to include faculty, staff, and students to evaluate three systems and offer their insights and feedback.



Sandboxes


LMS Faculty Participation
Arts and Sciences
Christopher Center
College of Business
CONHP
Engineering
14 (56.0%)
3 (12.0%)
2 (8.0%)
3 (12.0%)
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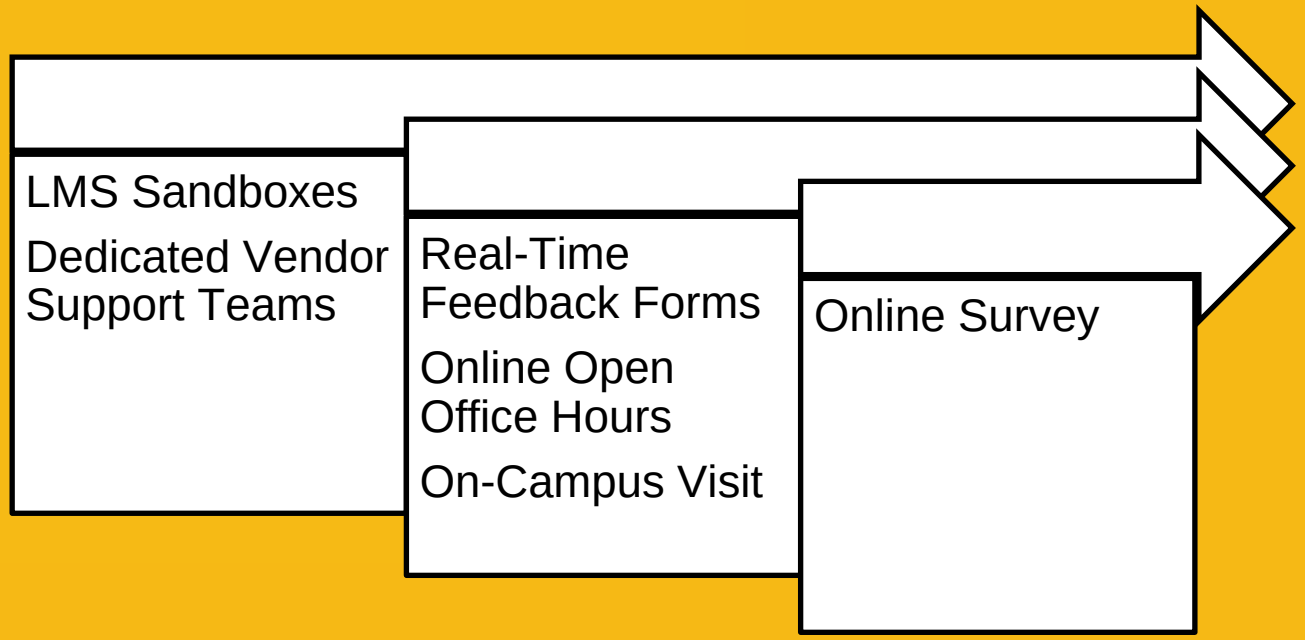
Timeline


LMS Sandboxes
Dedicated Vendor Support Teams
Real-Time Feedback Forms
Online Open Office Hours
On-Campus Visit
Online Survey

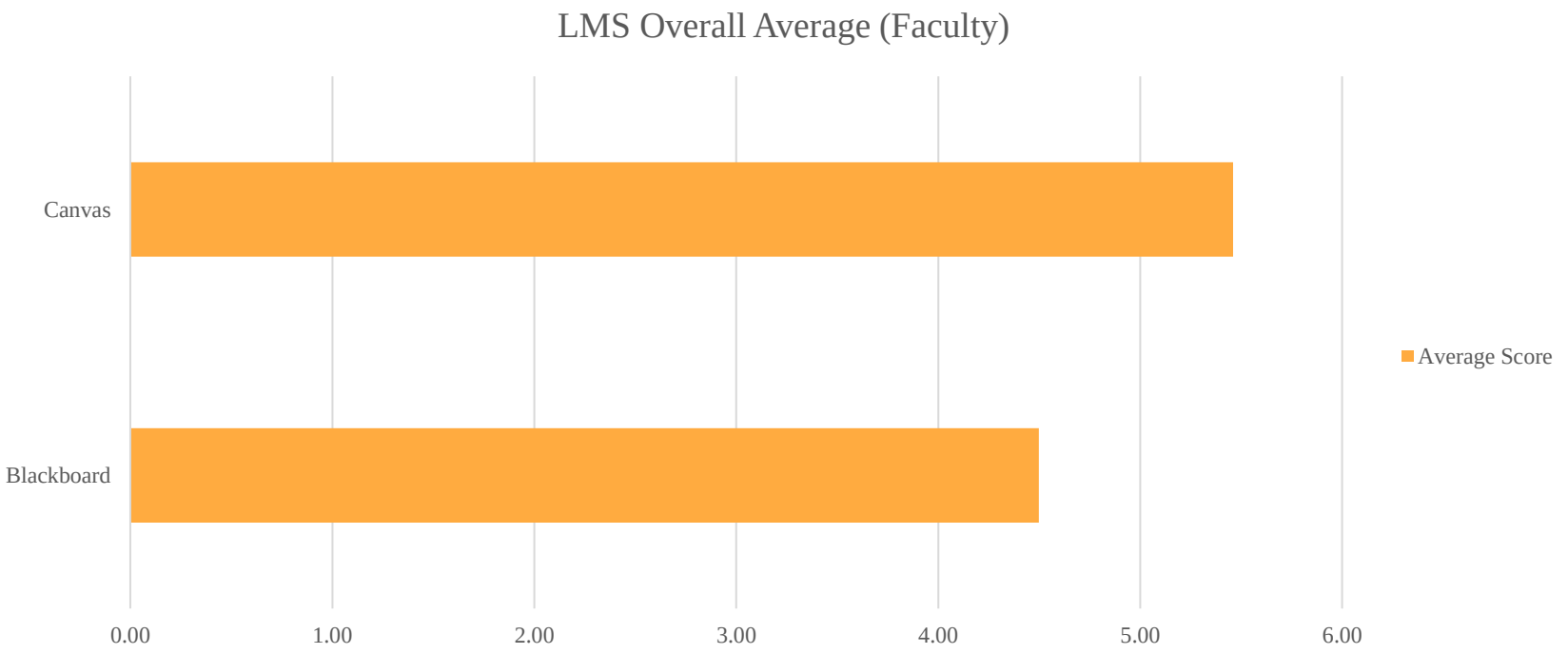
SECTION THREE

Results

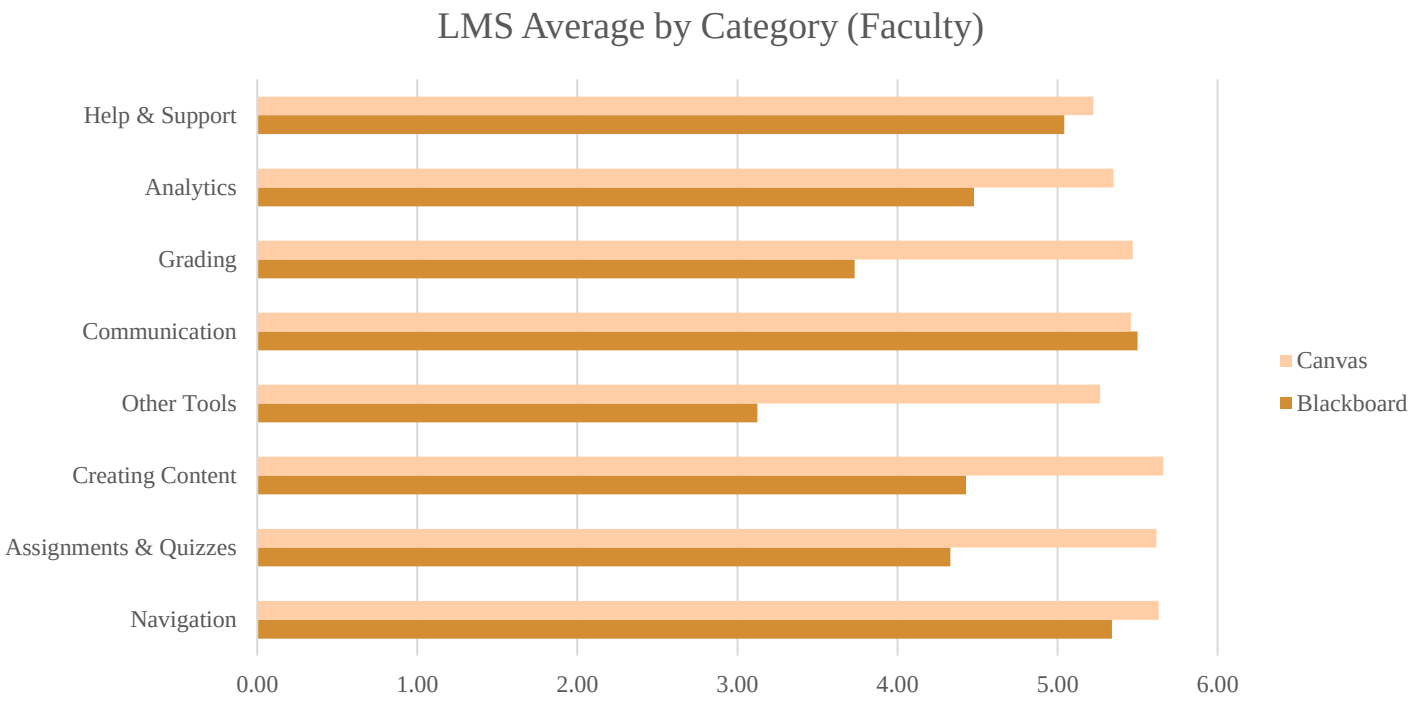
Functional Areas

Students	Faculty	Administrators
Navigation		
Assignments & Quizzes		Functions
Course Landing Page	Creating Content	
	Other Tools	
Communication		
Grading		
	Analytics	
Help & Support		

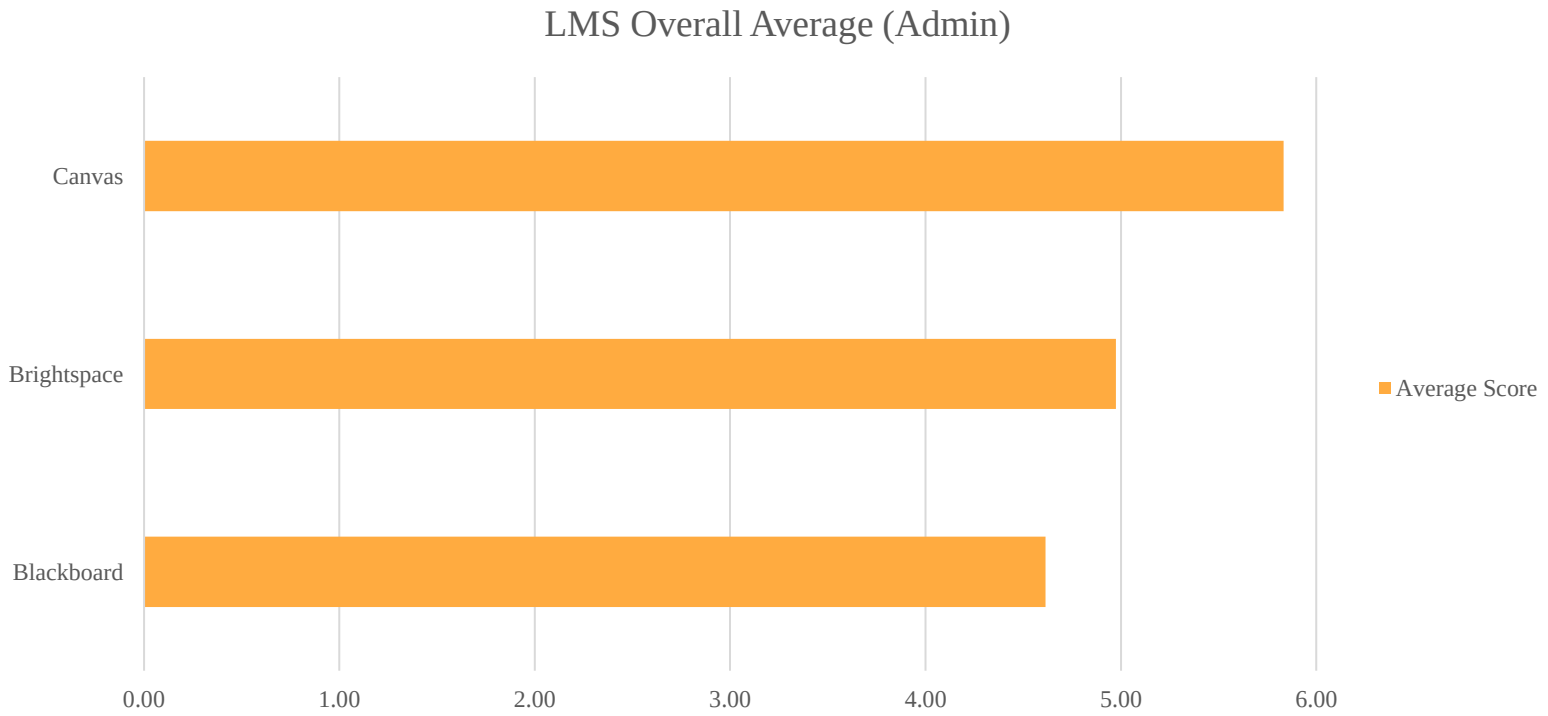
LMS Overall Score (Faculty)



LMS by Category (Faculty)



LMS Overall Score (Admin)



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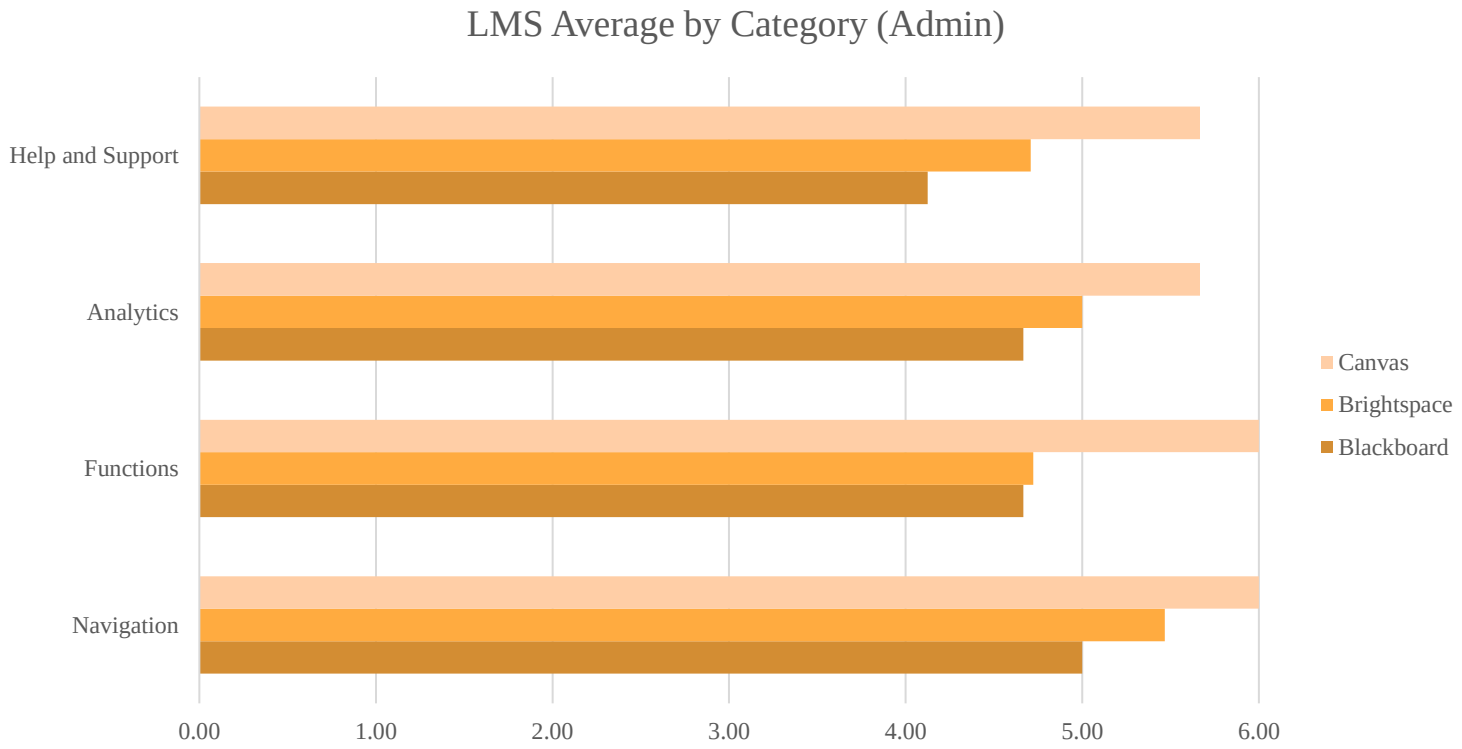

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Recommendation

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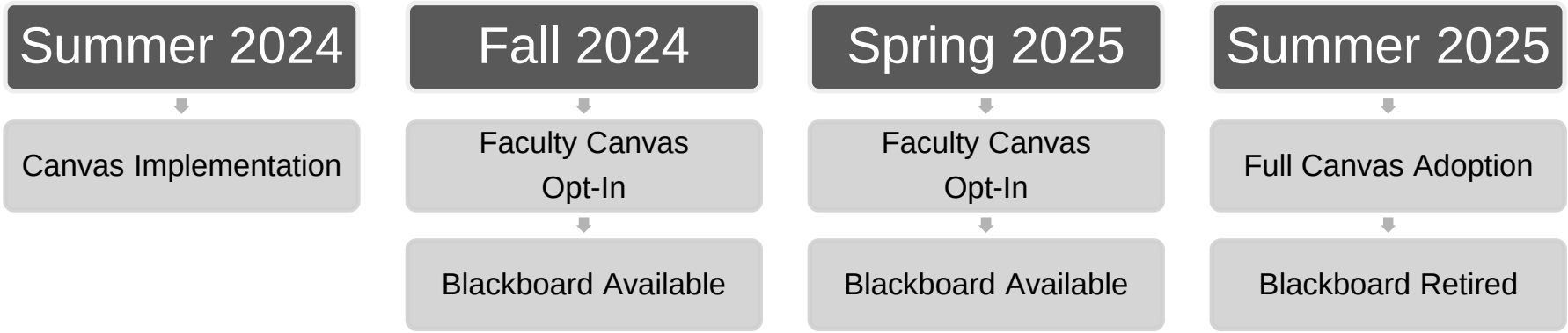
It is recommended that beginning in fall 2024 Valpo implement the Canvas LMS alongside the last year of our contract with Blackboard with full adoption of the new LMS in fall 2025. There are several exciting features that come with this transition that will enhance the faculty and student experience and be easier to maintain from an administrative perspective.

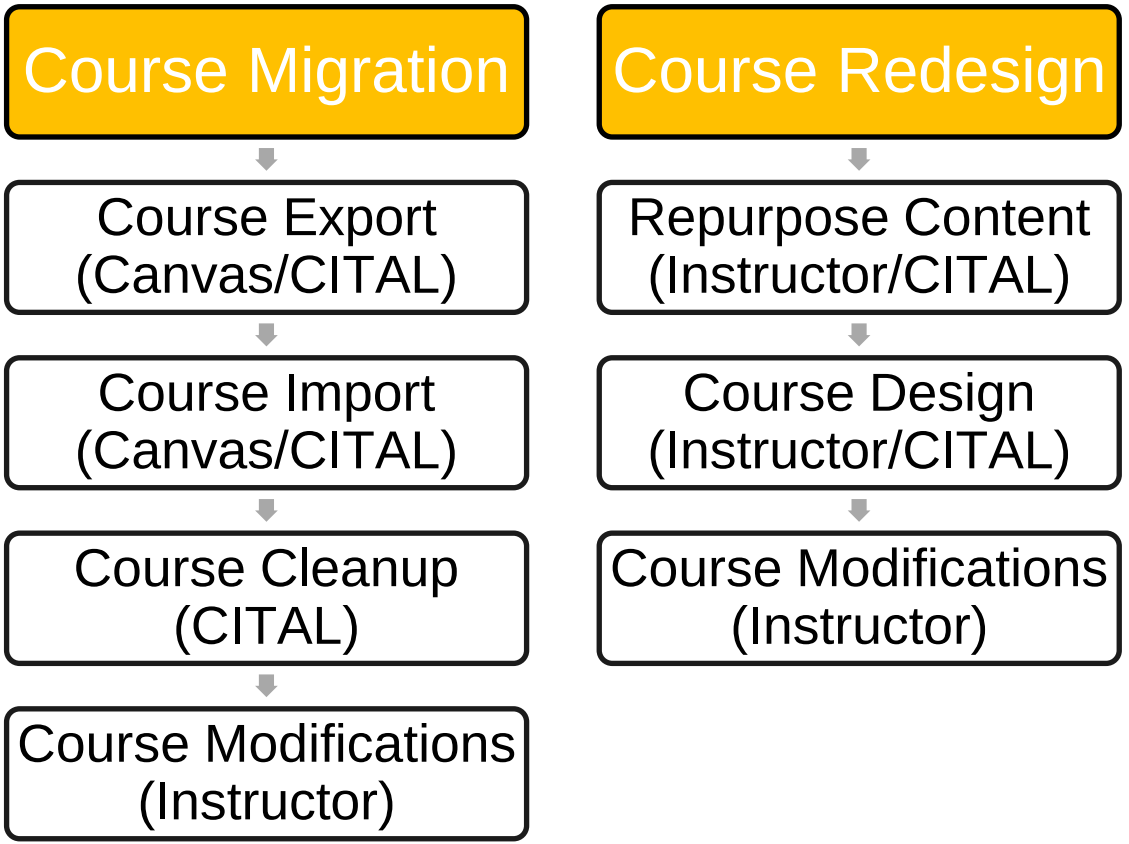


What We Get

The new implementation of Canvas offers enhancements around teaching and learning for students and faculty, as well as significant administrative advantages.

Blackboard Implementation	New Canvas Implementation
• Blackboard Learn Ultra • Safe Assign (Plagiarism) • Administrative Helpdesk Ticketing • Blackboard Online Help Resources	• Canvas • Canvas Studio (Lecture Capture) • Turnitin Originality/Plagiarism Authorship (Third-Party Writing) Draft Coach (Student Plugin) AI Detection • Canvas Commons (User-Shared Content) • 24/7 Administrative Support • Tier 1 Faculty/Student Support (24/7) Email, Chat, Phone • Canvas Guides (Online Help)

What the Transition Looks Like: Support Resources & Two Possible Approaches



Questions??

Possible Turnitin: Professional Development Workshops (Fall 2024)

Specific Tool	Possible Topic
Originality Reports	What they are and how to use them
Authorship	How to use this third party writing detection (paper mill) tool
Draft Coach	Introduction to this tool for student writing coaching, available as a Word or Google Doc plugin
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Detection	What do know and how to understand when using this tool would be beneficial