Dear Instructors/Faculty UWL,

As you all likely know, Canvas will be the digital learning environment for UWL, and it will be replacing D2L by Fall 2019. However, instructors who wish to teach in Canvas will be able to do so by Fall 2018. The following is an update on Spring and Summer trainings and other FAQs to share with campus in regards to the transition.

**When will the transition/migration occur?**
Instructors who wish to teach with Canvas in Fall 2018 will be able to do so (unless structural support options change). All instructors will be teaching with Canvas by Fall 2019 with no further access to D2L.

**What is the earliest I can work in the Canvas environment?**
Fall 2018 is the earliest instructors will be able to teach a course in Canvas; HOWEVER, by March 2018, instructors will have access to Canvas and training will commence. A survey will be sent to all instructors to gauge the level of interest in teaching with Canvas for Fall 2018 no later than mid-March 2018. Completely on-line programs will be given preference.

**What will I see when I enter the Canvas environment for the first time?**
Once Canvas is available to UWL instructors, a link will be available to the platform. Once in the platform, you will see a global navigation bar and you may see one or more course site shells (aka no content but you can use as a sandbox). Within the course shell will be a course menu that represents the fixed options of the UW System course template for navigation and layout.

**Who will help with the migration/transition?**
Due to the Canvas environment, it is strongly recommended that instructors build a course *new* in Canvas with your D2L content/materials. The process and outcomes are both stronger this way. However, by summer of 2019 the content from all remaining courses will have been migrated by UWL’s IT team. Training for building courses and teaching in Canvas will be provided (see below).

**What kind of training will be available?**
On-site at UWL we have planned two major events.

1. A “train the trainer” event on Monday, March 26, 2018 where a Canvas rep, CATL instructional designers and Patty Fairchild will offer sessions for a group of instructors chosen serve as trainer/mentors for each department. Please tell you chair if you are interested in serving.
2. On May 21 and 22, 2018 we will offer day sessions (attend one) on teaching with Canvas. Although space may be limited, we hope to accommodate all interested (more information forthcoming).

On-going

1. Canvas offers synchronous 1-hour trainings by topic that are moderated by Canvas experts that can also be viewed asynchronously. FYI – *there will be aspects of the platform that will be unavailable to UW System users.*
2. Canvas has excellent 24-7 tech support.
3. UWL will continue to offer workshops as necessary.
What will I see if some of my classes are in D2L and some in Canvas?
There will not be a single portal for either instructors or students. Users will need to enter either platform as needed and communicate to students where the course resides.

The Canvas transition website - https://www.uwlax.edu/info/canvas-transition/

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