

Course Management System (CMS) Needs Assessment and Evaluation

Update as of June 2010: The results of the faculty evaluation of the CMS options, which included the feedback from faculty who participated in the review process and the four Friday Faculty Forums conducted in May and June, have been reviewed by SDCCD Online Learning Pathways and the Districtwide Distance Education Steering Committee; and the consensus is to continue with Blackboard and upgrade to the new version, Blackboard Learn 9.1

Faculty are encouraged to test drive the Blackboard Learn 9.1 at <http://bb.blackboard.com/bblearnpreview/>

The next steps are to plan for the installation of new hardware and configuration of Blackboard Learn 9.1 at the SDCCD and to develop a strategy for migrating the courses from Blackboard Vista starting in 2011.

Background: Our Blackboard Vista 8 system will be supported by Blackboard until Fall 2012. If we stay with Blackboard, we will need to migrate to Blackboard Learn 9.1 or 9.2, or whatever 9+ version they are on when we are ready. The migration will involve some re-training and movement of courses to the new platform.

Question: Should we stay on the Blackboard path or find another system to deliver our online and web-enhanced courses? To answer this question, I invite the online faculty to participate in a strategic review and planning effort to reach consensus about the future direction for SDCCD's course management system. (For a list of the CMS's currently used by other CCC's, see the attached spreadsheet.)

First Step: We need to get as much input as possible from the online faculty about what tools are most important in a course management system. The Online Faculty Needs Assessment is a quick way for you to indicate your must-have and wish list of tools and features of a course management system. Survey link:

<http://www.zipsurvey.com/LaunchSurvey.aspx?suid=39766&key=29E96FC6>

This survey will be open throughout the semester to give everyone a chance to participate.

Process for Review of Course Management Systems: During the course of the academic year, faculty are invited to attend interactive webinars with the CMS companies, ask questions, and then follow up with hands-on "test drives." We will need volunteers to evaluate and report back, using a web-based decision-matrix survey as the information-collection instrument:

<http://www.zipsurvey.com/LaunchSurvey.aspx?suid=40702&key=2DC8CFE3>

We are in the process of setting up CMS information sessions and hope to get as many faculty as possible involved. These sessions will be repeated if necessary in order to have widespread participation. You will be notified of the schedule as the sessions are set up via email, the Online Faculty Resource Site on Blackboard Vista and at the website:

<http://www.sdccdonline.net/faculty>.

Links to Demonstration Archives

September 18, 2009 – 9-11 a.m. - Sakai CLE - <http://sakaiproject.org/portal>

Flex #55016

Archive Link: http://www.rsmart.com/assets/webinars/2009-09-18_09.08_SDCCD_Demo.wmv

October 5, 2009 – 2-5 p.m. = Moodle- <http://moodle.com/>

Flex #55017

Archive Link: http://illuminate.remote-learner.net/play_recording.html?recordingId=1253725653082_1254772538595

Password: letmein

October 29, 2009 – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. = Etudes - <http://etudes.org/>

Flex #55019

Archive Link:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/playback.jnlp?psid=2009-11-21.1330.M.6057AEB0DAA08A3C647D700D93F0AE.vcr>

December 8, 2009 – 12 – 2 p.m. = WebStudy - <http://www.webstudy.com/>

Flex #55401

Archive Link: http://online2.sdccd.edu/tutorials/webstudy_demo/webstudy_demo.html.

December 11, 2009 – 8 – 11 a.m. – Etudes Test Drive – Mesa College LRC 229

Flex #55402

February 5, 2010 – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Desire2Learn – <http://www.Desire2Learn.com>

Flex #55977

Archive Link: <https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/launch/play.jnlp?psid=2010-02-05.1145.M.64D4994D3CD287C47933DB29B21DC0.vcr>

Test Drive: <http://sandbox.desire2learn.com>

Generic student log-in account usernames are: SDCCD.S01 or SDCCD.S02

Generic instructor log-in account usernames are: SDCCD.I01 or SDCCD.I02

The password for all accounts is: sdccd223

February 19, 2010 – 8-11 a.m. – Sakai Test Drive – Mesa College LRC 432

Flex #55835

March 19, 2010 – 10 a.m. – noon – Epsilen – <http://www.epsilen.com>

Flex #55993

Archive Link:

http://online2.sdccd.edu/tutorials/epsilen_demo_3.19.10/epsilen_demo_3.19.10.html

Demo starts 4 minutes in.

April 15, 2010 – 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Blackboard Learn 9.1 (<http://www.blackboard.com>)

Mesa College LRC 229 Flex #56323

May 7, 2010 – 12 – 2 p.m. – Blackboard Learn 9.1 – Webinar via WebEx

Flex #56520

Archive Link: http://online2.sdccd.edu/tutorials/bb9.1_demo/bb9.1_demo.html

Test Drive: <http://bb.blackboard.com/bblearnpreview/>

Links to Faculty Feedback Data

Faculty Needs Assessment

<http://www.zipsurvey.com/ItemFrequency.aspx?suid=39766&p=2643683446>

Course Management System Feedback (pdfs)

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