



FACULTY SENATE

Educational & Research Technologies Committee  
Minutes  
Microsoft Teams  
May 12, 2021

- Present: Chris Burns (Faculty Senate), Luben Dimov (RSENR), Hung Do (BSAD), Deb Ellis (CAS), Steve Kostell (CALs), Lyman Ross (LIB), Regina Toolin (CESS), Tim Tourville (CNHS), Bob Wildin (LCOM), Marie Wood (LCOM), John Yin (CAS)
- Absent: Helen Read (CEMS), Vacant (SGA), Vacant (GSS),
- Guests: Wendy Berenback, Alex Messinger

Co-Chair Marie Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 am via Microsoft Teams.

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of April 2021 were approved as written.
2. Ideas for 2021 /2022.
  - a. Adobe Licensing across campus
  - b. Go over the operating procedures and the charge of the ERTC to help understand what the role of the ERTC is.
  - c. Finding more overlap between the ERTC and the Faculty Senate as a whole.
  - d. This topic will be added to the September agenda.
3. **LMS Focus Group, Wendy Berenback and Alex Messinger.** CEMS and GSB have already had focus groups set up, if any member of the ERTC would like to help to set something up in their college they should e-mail Wendy Berenback at [wverreib@uvm.edu](mailto:wverreib@uvm.edu).

**Timeline:**

Spring 2021      Solicit and analyze feedback  
Write RFP

Fall 2021      Evaluate vendor responses  
Host LMS demos  
Invite shareholder to submit feedback  
Analyze shareholder feedback

Maker recommendation to CIO and Provost

Spring 2022          LMC decision

Summer 2022-  
Summer 2023          Transition period (if a different LMS is selected)

Fall 2023              If a different LMS is selected, all courses will be on the new LMS.

What features need to be part of the new system?

- Gradebook
- Announcements
- Integration between the platform and Teams
- Transfer information from Blackboard into the new system.
- Ease of use
- Transferability between courses and access to past courses

What do you wish Blackboard did better?

- Difficult to assign audio homework for students, used in languages.
- Discussion capabilities
- More like Google or Jamboard, better for teaching in Education
- Needs to be more appealing in design for college students
- Hyperlinks don't work well
- Grading grid is hard to use
- A verbal response functions
- A way to tell if students listen to homework (no way to track) in languages.

ERTC members are encouraged to ask faculty in their units to make sure they complete the LMS survey.

- 4. ERTC 2021/ 2022.** Helen Read and Marie Wood will chair the committee for the 2021 / 2022 academic year. Once all members are determined the Faculty Senate Office will send out meeting invites.
- 5. New Business / Old Business.**
  - a. Please e-mail Helen, Marie or the Faculty Senate Office with any agenda items.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

The next meeting of the ERTC will take place on September 8th at 9:00am on Microsoft Teams.

