

Blackboard Newsletter

Who's Live

Bismarck State College

Dakota College of Bottineau

Dickinson State University

Lake Region State College

North Dakota State College of Science

University of North Dakota

Valley City State University

Williston State College



Spring Term startup

Spring term started out with reports of slow performance and time out issues on the Blackboard system. CTS worked with Blackboard over the course of several weeks to determine the root cause of the issues and find a resolution allowing faculty and students to have a positive experience. Blackboard identified and acknowledged areas that impacted the system and have made significant changes to improve the system. Blackboard arrived onsite at the end of the month and met with various stakeholders and laid out in detail explaining our past and current state of the system and how we move forward. With the changes in place, the system has shown great improvements. Over the next weeks, discussions will take place with campuses going live in May to determine the best option for their campus. In the meantime.....

Up Next..



MaSU continues to work on course conversion. They have moved all of their summer and fall courses to the Production environment and completed the Q/A process. An SAIP data review meeting is scheduled for February 2nd to go over the data in Learn SaaS Test and discuss additional data needs.

MiSU is on a managed hosted system and work is underway to begin the migration of courses. MiSU has supplied a list of course ID's to Blackboard to begin the process.

NDSU has completed testing their custom B2, Bb Manager. NDSU has decided to export courses from their self hosted system rather than archive them. They completed a sample of courses to determine gaps/issues that would need to be resolved and then move on to exporting an entire summer term to estimate a time of completion.

High-Level Status Tracking by Campus

PROJECT TIMELINE/STATUS: North Dakota University System



School	Current LMS	Targeted Go Live Date*	% Complete (Overall)	eCollege 1-day planning onsite	Kick off	ATP	System Gov/ Decisions	Course Conversion	TPD Intro Meeting	SIS Integration	SaaS Migration	Learn Training (Admin)	Learn Training (End User)	Collab Training	Grades Integration with SIS	Help Desk Services	B2 Custom Work**	DDA Training**	Collab Link Report**	Reporting Framework**
System		See below	100%	N/A	Oct '16	Nov '16			Oct '16	May '17	May '17					N/A	Aug '17			
BSC	eCollege	LIVE	100%	Oct '16	Oct '16	Nov '16	N/A	June '17	Oct '16	Mar '17	May '17	Feb '17	Feb '17		N/A	Apr '17	N/A	N/A		N/A
LRSC	eCollege	LIVE	100%	Oct '16	Oct '16	Dec '16	N/A	June '17	Oct '16	Mar '17	May '17		Feb '17		N/A	Apr '17	N/A	N/A		N/A
NDSCS	eCollege	LIVE	100%	Oct '16	Oct '16	Nov '16	N/A	June '17	Oct '16	Mar '17	May '17		Feb '17		N/A	Apr '17	N/A	N/A		N/A
VCSU	Learn	LIVE	95%	N/A	Nov '16	Feb '17	N/A	N/A	Mar '17	July '17	Aug '17				N/A	N/A	July '17	N/A	Nov '17	N/A
MISU	Learn	May 2018	25%	N/A	Nov '16	Mar '17	N/A	N/A							N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
UND	Learn	LIVE	95%	N/A	Nov '16	Feb '17	N/A	N/A	Apr '17	July '17	Aug '17			Aug '17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nov '17	N/A
NDSU	Learn	May 2018	20%	N/A	Nov '16	Mar '17	N/A	N/A	Apr '17						N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A
WSC	Moodle	LIVE	95%	N/A	Nov '16	Jan '17	N/A	July '17	Feb '17	July '17	Aug '17		Apr '17		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
DCB	Moodle	May 2018	25%	N/A	Nov '16	May '17	N/A								N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
DSU	Moodle	Jan 2018	45%	N/A	Nov '16	Apr '17	N/A		Dec '17	Dec '17	Jan '18				N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
MaSU	Moodle	May 2018	25%	N/A	Nov '16	Apr '17	N/A		May '17						N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A

Note: The NDUS system office currently uses Moodle, but for internal courses only, vs for student facing courses.

*Go live date is defined as when students is accessing the course and the instructor is teaching from it.

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