

**Seeking
endorsement of
Faculty Senate
for the adoption
of Canvas**

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Why change from Blackboard to Canvas?

- Blackboard Learn 9.1 is used for only 43% of for-credit courses at CWRU
- Faculty and student dissatisfaction with Blackboard's complexity, appearance, and overall usability (based on survey and other data.)
- Variability in faculty usage of Blackboard Learn 9.1 is a source of frustration for students

Why change from Blackboard to Canvas?

- A switch to Canvas offers the opportunity to adopt a **single enterprise solution** across learning environments and work with schools and departments to think about how they use the LMS to potentially improve students' learning experiences.
- Canvas is less expensive than Blackboard
- Most pilot faculty and students find it to be easier to use than Blackboard (1500 person pilot conducted courses in Fall and Spring 2015-16)

Transition from Blackboard to Canvas

- The LMS Faculty and Staff Advisory Committee recommends an LMS transition beginning in Spring 2017 and ending by Fall 2017. In order to meet this timeline, implementation would need to begin in **October 2016**.
- A complete transition to Canvas by Fall 2017 will be of great benefit to students, allowing the incoming class to have one system.
- The School of Medicine, which currently uses a homegrown LMS solution, and other academic departments are very eager to begin using the new system to meet their accreditation requirements.

Potential Transition Timeline

