Learning Management System (LMS) Evaluation and Selection Project

Boulder Faculty Assembly Meeting – Thursday, March 2, 2017

Goal
Evaluate Desire2Learn and other learning management systems (LMS) to identify the best LMS to meet CU Boulder’s teaching, learning and administrative needs

Project Rationale
- Persisting concerns about ease-of-use, reliability, and system integrity
- Lack of mobile access and functionality
- Need for an LMS to support campus strategic goals
  - Reporting and Analytics
  - Large traditional and untraditional courses
  - Improved and comprehensive online learning environments
- Best practice 5-8 year review of systems

Process
1. Gather feedback from students, faculty, and staff about their experiences with D2L and other LMSs
2. Request proposals from LMS providers
3. Plan and conduct an evaluation of LMSs from the teaching, learning, administrative, and technical lenses
4. Select an LMS, and if D2L is not selected, manage the procurement process

Timeline
- Academic Year 2016 – 2017
  - Fall 2016 – Evaluation Planning
  - Spring 2017 – Evaluation and Selection
- If the decision is made to adopt a different LMS
  - Summer 2017 – Procurement, Course Migration Planning, and Faculty Support Planning
  - Academic Years 2017 – 2019 – LMS Configuration, Course Migration, and Faculty Support Plan Implementation
- If the decision is to remain on D2L, continue to improve the application and related service

Progress Update
- Developed and published request for proposals, informed by faculty survey and student data
- Outreach efforts – March town halls and departmental meetings

Next steps
- March
  - Publish faculty survey and student data reports
- Review vendor proposals and narrow candidate pool

  - April
    - Conduct detailed evaluation of LMSs
    - Continue outreach efforts
      - Vendor presentations
      - Sandboxes
      - User experience studies

  - May
    - Select LMS

For more information about this project, visit: [http://www.colorado.edu/lms/](http://www.colorado.edu/lms/) or contact: Aisha.Jackson@colorado.edu.