Recommendation to adopt Canvas as the campus course management system- 1st Reading

Background (from the Online Education Initiative[1])

All California Community Colleges now have the opportunity to adopt Instructure's Canvas as their campus-wide Course Management System (CCMS). Canvas represents the common platform for the integration of many OEI resources including the OEI Course Design Rubric, QUEST online learner readiness, and a variety of professional development options. Many of the 113 California Community Colleges have committed to adopting Canvas as their course management system with most expected to adopt over the coming years. Canvas provides teaching and learning, class management, and content creation tools as well as accessible by mobile devices. It also provides migration tools, administration and management features, integration tools and customer service and support.

Current Status of the DA Course Management System

De Anza is currently using Moodle, branded as Catalyst, for its course management platform for online, hybrid, and face-to-face courses. Catalyst is locally hosted: all hardware, software and licensing is maintained by a single system administrator. Deeper concentration on student success, engagement, and quality online teaching and learning; the steady growth of our online and hybrid offerings; the recent proposal to our accrediting body to recognize DA certificates and degrees that can be completed online are needed. These along with the upcoming critical equipment refresh for Catalyst in 2016-17 at an estimated $80,000-100,00 dollars, all serve as important factors in the assessment and evaluation of Canvas.

Recommendation to the Academic Senate Executive Committee

De Anza College is in the process of reviewing Canvas. Canvas is a course management platform to serve online, hybrid, and web-enhanced face-to-face courses. Canvas was among three course management platforms vetted through a rigorous statewide process by community college faculty, staff and students and ultimately selected by the Online Education Initiative as the platform for the Online Education Initiative funded by the legislature. To date, 67 of the 113 colleges have either moved to or are in transition to using Canvas as their course management platform. Canvas is available at no cost to California community colleges. The platform is securely hosted offsite with 24/7 technical support, meets accessibility compliance, and is mobile-ready.

Information sessions were held to discover the capabilities of the Canvas Course Management System (CMS) and were inclusive of Academic Senate, Classified Senate, instructional administrators, DASB and two campus-wide live demonstrations and Q&A sessions with the Canvas representatives.

The Academic Senate recommends the adoption of CANVAS as the course management system for De Anza College.

[1]http://ccconlineed.org/technology-resources/canvas-ccms/