



VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CENTER

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

12:15 PM

**MEETING NOTES**

Attendees: Alexander Kolesnik, Ashley Chelonis, Dave Fuhrmann, Gwendolyn Huddleston, Kim Hoffmans, Matthew Moore, Nathan Bowen, Scott Wolf, Sharon Oxford, Tracie Bosket, Victory Kitamura  
Guest: Mike Rose

1. Review Meeting Notes of 05/06/16

Matt clarified the item under other business regarding instructors and the use of Canvas: "some of the faculty were waiting for the Fall because they wanted to use a full semester and not a condensed short term semester in Canvas to teach the course."

2. Lynda.com changes

Lynda.com has a contract with the state and will be free to the colleges going forward. The transition will occur mid-October/November. Users will need to re-register. The content and history will be moved over so that users will maintain access to that information. Details will be shared when available. All VCCCD users will be notified of the change, instead of only the current Lynda.com users.

3. Canvas

- Upgraded support coverage to 24x7  
The savings realized from Lynda.com were applied to adding 24x7 support for Canvas. This was implemented for the first day of fall semester. Dave requested feedback on the support. All campuses reported very favorably, adding that some of the details were still being worked out.
- Migration Update  
As of the beginning of fall semester 321 classes were moved to Canvas and Dave anticipates that number to increase for spring semester. Dave asked for feedback from instructors and students regarding Canvas versus Desire2Learn. OC reported mixed, mostly positive reactions. MC reported receiving positive feedback with the exception of some instructors who had lost some features. Those features are being discussed on the Canvas feedback consortium. There was some confusion at first for students who take classes in both environments, D2L and Canvas. Students seem to like the Canvas app, however, some reported difficulties in navigating the discussion board. VC reported that the feedback has been mostly positive, as well. Gwen shared that VC has a goal to move all courses to Canvas by spring semester.

- Training update
  - Onsite train-the-trainer and instructor training
 

The trainer from Canvas was onsite, spending one day at each campus. Dave requested feedback. The Instructional Techs agreed that was beneficial to be able to ask specific questions while meeting as a group with the trainer. The feedback from the faculty at all three campuses was also positive and it was mentioned that they learned new techniques.
  - Remote training later in semester
 

There is another training remaining under the contract which will be done remotely. Dave will work with the support staff on campus and with Marc to schedule. Additional trainings can be provided in the spring if it proves helpful. A list of workarounds and tips is being created on SharePoint.
- Deadline to migrate to Canvas from D2L
 

Nothing has been determined at this point.
- D2L – contract for an extra month of use (current contract ends July 15, 2017)
 

The current contract with D2L ends July 15, 2017. Dave is negotiating with D2L to extend the contract by a few months. Gwen shared that, at the state level, there is discussion regarding the ability to create a master class in Canvas that is editable by instructors. This was discussed as possibly making the transition period easier. Gwen mentioned that professional development funds might be used and the group discussed different options that both Dave and Gwen presented. Gwen will have more details at the next meeting. The group discussed the transition and agreed that communication is key. It was suggested that the campus DE committees begin the migration dialog and to continue to encourage faculty to attend training. Dave mentioned that he could attend the campus Academic Senate meetings to be available for the discussion. There was an inquiry as to if there are any available funds for promotional items such as T-shirts. The group discussed developing a communications/marketing plan to assist with the migration.

#### 4. Turnitin

##### a. Current contract status

The contract has been renewed for August 2016 through July 31, 2017. Dave discussed the substantial increase in price and that the state was reviewing more cost effective solutions through the OEI. A better option had not materialized before VCCCD's current contract expired and so the contract was renewed.

##### b. Alternatives: Vericite

It was reported that there are a few faculty who have decided to try using Vericite. It was noted that Vericite does not have all of the capabilities of Turnitin, such as a grade mark feature, but that the plagiarism detection is comparable. Gwen shared information that the OEI group will be reviewing a recently released upgrade containing improvements. Dave's concern is long term, with the potential increased annual costs for Turnitin; there has not been any real competition until recently. He noted, and the group agreed, that it is a good idea to explore options as they become available. It was also noted that the Turnitin interface with Canvas is not ideal and will hopefully be improved.

- c. Faculty concerns of possible change  
Dave addressed faculty concerns by sharing that the current focus is on the transition from D2L to Canvas. The dialogue about changing Turnitin to a different platform is only in the beginning stages. If it is decided to change, it would not occur until 2018 at the earliest.
5. Professional Development – Joanna  
Dave shared an email from Joanna that mentioned setting aside money for professional development. Included in the email were suggestions to create a mentoring peer review program for Canvas, and encourage more faculty to become involved with the OEI. Dave would like to have the discussion soon in order to prepare for next fiscal year's budget. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
6. D2L - Open Issues  
Dave shared that he has obtained a cost from D2L for extending the contract for a few months. Support will be for emergencies only, with no problem fixes or software patches. Dave noted that D2L has been cooperative with our exit.
7. Other Business
  - Ashley explained that XanEdu might prove to be a useful service. The bookstores are currently using it. She has contacted the representative who is based in Los Angeles and is willing to come onsite. Dave and Ashley will work together to schedule a visit for a future ITAC meeting.
8. Next Meeting  
The next on-schedule meeting is Friday, October 7.