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**Subject: Canvas Migration**

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**To:** \*District Chairs

Hi all,

Yes, this is another Canvas email. 😊

We are doing our best to ensure a smooth transition from Blackboard to Canvas and think you all have some key information that can help us as we work on this. Hopefully you've heard that we're partnering with K16 Solutions to handle some of our course migrations. We are just starting this conversation. They have to build the scripts to move content and we need to start with a small group of 10-15 courses to test with. If you know if any courses that use some special features or tools in Blackboard and want it to be included in this test phase, please email me as soon as you can.

Next, we know there are several departmental Signature courses like, CIS, MOR, CJ, among others. We don't know all of them or what they're named in Blackboard. Can you let us know all courses in your department that are managed and distributed to other faculty so we can migrate those courses? We'll also be making sure that they fit into a standard naming convention moving forward.

Similarly, we can help with standardization of some tools and features in Canvas. Do you have any rubrics or grade schemas that are used by your department? We can create these and make them available in your courses only so faculty who teach your sections will have access to them. By default, all courses will have a plus/minus schema in place (93-100 = A, 90-92 = A-, 87-89 = B+, etc.).

Lastly, please encourage faculty to complete the Canvas DMACC Instructor Required training so you can start assigning them sections for the Fall 2023 term. They have to have the Canvas training certificate before they can be assigned so going through that early will help everyone. The schedule goes live on April 3rd and course shells will be added to Canvas around that same date.

Feel free to share this with any chairs or leads that might not be included and let me know if I can help with anything.

Thank you,  
Joe Raineri, DMACC Online