

Summary of Student Feedback from Other Colleges on Canvas

(Responses from Cabrillo, West Valley, John Perez for Ohlone & Solano, LPC Student Trustee, Sierra)

Question: There was a follow up question regarding the student opinion of Canvas. Can you send me via email information about what feedback you received from any students to-date - either general comments or specific comments, whatever data you have.

1. Francine Van Meter from Cabrillo

Cabrillo- Currently, the only feedback is word of mouth via instructors and helpdesk staff. Students seem to like Canvas' ease of use. We don't have survey data...yet. There are 364 active courses, 198 faculty, and 7,203 students using Canvas this semester. The only negative comments the helpdesk gets is from students on the Blackboard sections!

2. Lisa Kaaz from West Valley

West Valley - We did not have a formal survey for students. Remember, the opportunity to use Canvas (and finding that ANGEL was at its end of life) happened quickly for us. We did approach our Associated Student Government in early Fall. We asked them unofficially to poll other students and student organizations for feedback regarding what kinds of learning management systems students have used and their thoughts on Canvas.

We also invited the Associated Student Government to the Canvas and Blackboard demos (not sure how many, if any, attended). We got very little back from them, but it was in favor of Canvas. Most thought it felt more innovative than Blackboard and infinitely more than ANGEL.

We have 9 pilot classes using Canvas this summer. We plan to meet the instructors several times over the summer and poll their students (about Canvas only).

3. John Perez from Ohlone

Ohlone- I am currently an early adopter and I am active on Canvas and have been for two semesters now. The students, approximately 60, like the format better than Black Board. One area the students prefer over BB is the grade section. Much easier to navigate and read comments. The first few weeks are tough, since most students are familiar with BB, I end up taking a few minutes each class to walk students through the

software and how to check for assignments that are due. Usually by the end of week 3, students are on board with no problems. This is huge, since I am my own IT support for Canvas since I use the freeware.

4. John Perez from Solano

Solano- Students at Solano have only been exposed to Canvas, and the general feeling is that students who are Millennials really enjoy the software and technology. For older students in my evening classes, they enjoy the "open" platform in regards to viewing documents, access to me, and the ability to navigate quickly from section to section. In my 8 semesters using Canvas, with an average of 200 students per year, I have only heard of 2 negative comments specific to Canvas. One student (this semester) did not want to use an online platform, period. (3 months later, he is still enrolled and doing fine). Two years ago, a student said she didn't know how to use a computer. She stuck with me, and the class, and finished with an A.

5. Nancy Kangyizhuang – LPC Student Trustee

Las Positas- Sorry about the so late replying since I was really busy during last couple weeks. I watched the demo you sent to me, and with some experience when I used canvas last semester. I felt that canvas is extremely like blackboard, and the only main difference is the layout. Probably it will take some time for those students who first use it, but the basic functions are really the same. So I am pretty sure that students will have a smooth transaction from using blackboard to canvas. I feel that canvas is a better online resource, and it shows more personality since we can add our photo and biography on it. All in all, I think it's a good resource.

6. Suzanne Davenport from Sierra

Sierra- What a great question, but we've never done a student survey to collect this type of data. Sorry I don't have anything to share with you on this.