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From: Colin Schatz
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Subject: Re: Feedback from Chabot faculty regarding Canvas compared to Blackboard

This is interesting.

I don't have any relevant experience with migrating content so I can't speak to that — but it does sound like that process is pretty broken!

For some of the other "complaints", I have had opposite experiences and opposite student feedback. For instance, my (and their) experience is that the Canvas interface is aesthetically a bit odd (i.e. "plain" looking) but that navigating to necessary information/materials is EASIER and students like it BETTER compared to their Blackboard-enabled classes.

I think some of this has to do with the setup of courses and the overall "model" for organizing content just being different in the two systems. It is true that Canvas doesn't have nested folders within its "Modules" component, but I haven't found that a problem — I just keep one module per day or week of class, then put things in different indentation levels with labels for different categories. The interface makes moving stuff around within a module (or between modules) easily accomplished on one page. I like that much BETTER than dealing with layers of nested folders.

It sounds like part of what is happening is that content imported from Blackboard is really badly "adapted" to Canvas — in particular, that it is just turning Bb folders into Canvas modules in a mechanical way that doesn't make sense for how Canvas should be used. Using any new system effectively inevitable means some big chunk of up-front time "costs" to get it arranged in the way its design best supports. (That's not really an argument *for* Canvas, just a reality I think we would face for ANY other CMS platform.)

Anyway — that's my $0.02…

On Apr 28, 2016, at 12:42 PM, Ruth Hanna <RHanna@laspositascollege.edu> wrote:

The attached file has some feedback from Chabot faculty regarding Canvas
 compared to Blackboard

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