

Introduction to D2L's Brightspace

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Agenda

- The LMS as the Hub of the DLE: A *Little* Project Context
- About D2L and Brightspace Overview
- Training Preview
- How to Stay Up to Date











Brightspace: the Hub of the New SUNY DLE

- The Learning Management System is the hub of any Digital Learning Environment or DLE.
- With the transition to D2L's Brightspace, SUNY saw a dynamic opportunity to unify the DLE across SUNY for all students and faculty:
 - Common LMS environment;
 - Central architecture with common data structures;
 - Common course templates;
 - Common set of online tools integrated with the LMS (right now there is so much redundancy across the System); and
 - Common integration for data.











A Unified DLE Brings Real Benefits

- There are benefits of the Brightspace platform for faculty and for students as they interact with/transfer to/take courses from other SUNY campuses
- System-wide resources/services can be more fully leveraged to support faculty and students
 - SUNY Online, CPD, ITEC, OIT, SICAS, OER
- We can launch new supports for faculty development and student support more easily, e.g., SUNY Online supports for remote and online instruction, office hours for faculty and students, expanded helpdesk services
- Campuses can help one another in meeting shared goals and can better share best practices and lessons learned
- We can leverage our size as a System to have problems addressed with vendor partners and achieve economies of scale
- Closing compliance gaps with SUNY Trustee academic policy (EIT, Cross-Registration, Seamless Transfer) and SUNY System Directives around State Contracts, Security, and quality practices in teaching online











Intentional Project Structure

- Implementation planning that is inclusive of the campus voice
- Working with each individual campus on timing, coordination, training, support, etc.
- Support of D2L, SUNY, and the campus community

Academic Policy / Standards Work Group

> Security Work Group

Technology Architecture Work Group

Communications Team **DLE Steering Committee**

Strategic parameters/decisions, resources, leadership champions

DLE Core Strategy Team

Decisions on implementation and transition planning

DLE ADVISORY TEAM

Broad Campus & System input/feedback on implementation and planning, liaisons to campus constituency groups, communication

Contract Team

TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP

Broad Campus & System recommendations on architecture, network, security, and campus technical migration

CAMPUS IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING WORK GROUP

Broad Campus & System recommendations on technical integration, campus level configuration, templates, training, and support for change management at the campus level











DLE Contract Approved - Next Steps

SUNY-D2L Contract Approved by OSC on 9/24

- SUNY internal communications
- Press Release
- Synch up with D2L on project structure, approach to cohorts/timeline, and internal planning
- Resolve technical and implementation questions
- Reset implementation timeline
- Negotiate/establish contract vehicle with Blackboard/OSC approval
- Finalize budget request/Steering Committee approval
- Campus Pricing
- SUNY Webinar "Intro to Brightspace"
- Sandbox environment
- Inventory of Tools









Introductions



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D2L is transforming the way the world learns, one learner at a time.







Leader in Accessibility & Universal Design for Learning







Intuitive & Easy-to-Use



Faculty tools that enhance student success



Actionable data to drive improved learning outcomes



Partnership





Demonstration Agenda

- System Layout and Design
- Instructor Grading & Feedback
- Content Authoring & Accessibility
- Assessment Creation
- Grades
- Analytic Dashboards



Ready to see it in action?

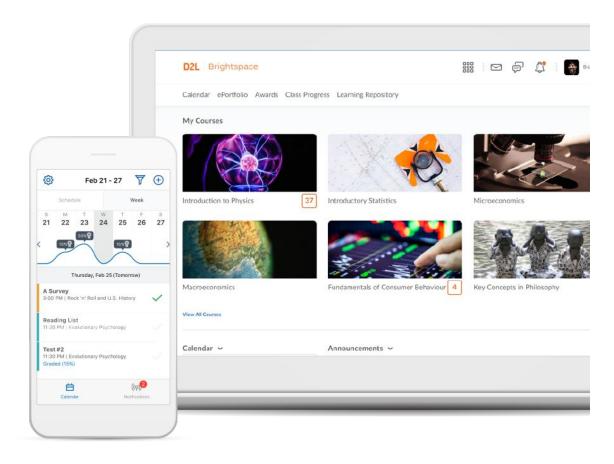






Training Programs

- Developed with campus partners
- Leveraging D2L expertise and resources
- Supported by SUNY Online and the CPD













Training for:

- System administrators
- Helpdesk professionals
- IDs & faculty champions
- Faculty
- Students













Training/Help Resources

- Asynchronous training modules
- Reference materials
- Developed with campus partners
- Adaptable to campus needs



















5-6 MONTHS 3-4 MONTHS 1-2 MONTHS **PILOT SEMESTER FULL CUT-OVER TASKS PRIOR PRIOR PRIOR** START SEMESTER **SUNY System Admins** SUNY Help Desk Cohort 1 Pilot **Cohort 1 Semester** Launch Launch **Cohort 1 System Admins** Cohort 1 IDs & Pilot Faculty Cohort 1 Faculty **Cohort 1 Students**











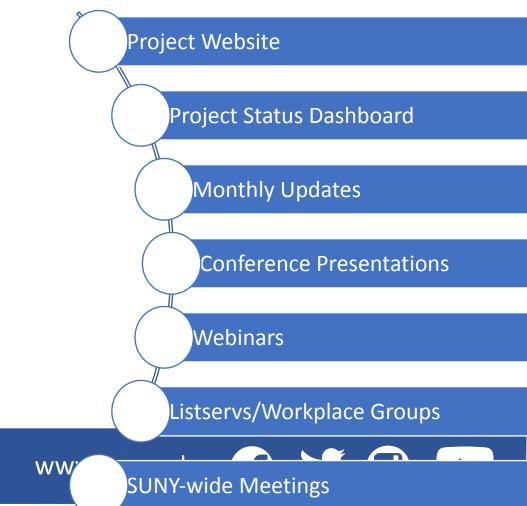


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Communication Channels





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