

Blackboard Template Committee
Academic Council Update
May 10, 2012

Committee Members:

Co-Chairs: Catherine LaPalombara (AA) and Rhonda Spells (eLearning)

Faculty: Beth Baldwin (English), Bridget Bartlebaugh (IET), Regina Bentley (DVM), Tammy O'Donnell (Theatre)

Others: Edward Schelb (Instructional Designer/TRC),

Charge of the Committee: To develop a template for Blackboard courses that would standardize navigation to create a consistent course environment for students

What we have done:

- Created a template for Blackboard courses
 - Input from faculty, eLearning staff and Instructional Designer
- Faculty Pilot (~60 faculty)
 - All Online Express Participants (~40 faculty)
 - Nursing Hybrid Courses (8 faculty)
 - Committee Members (4 faculty)
 - Faculty Volunteers (~8)
- Solicited feedback from pilot group
 - Positive feedback from faculty
 - General feedback: “once I got used to the new template idea, everything else was great”
 - “I have found the changes to the template we came up with to be 100% positive”
 - Feedback from Students
- Modified template based on feedback from pilot group

Recommendations:

- Academic Council approve the template as developed and piloted by the committee
- Academic Council approve the timeline for implementation of the Blackboard Course Template for all faculty

Timeline

- **Fall 2012:** Faculty Pilot the current template
 - Template will be used to create Bb courses
 - Committee will solicit feedback from faculty on the pilot
 - Committee will make template adjustments as needed
- **Spring 2013:** Faculty transition course set-up to the new template
- **Summer 2013:** Use of approved template is required for all courses
- **Summer 2012-Spring 2013:**
 - Workshops/consultations to assist faculty during the transition to the new template
 - Assess Student Course Satisfaction