

**ITCC Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2014**

Attending: Thomas Vojta, Roger Weaver, Maggie Trish, Angie Hammons, Abhijit Gosavi, Richard Dawes, John Singler, David Esping, Greg Smith, Maciej Zawodniok, Fatih Dogan, Vicki Callaway, Max Tohline, Jeff Schramm, Lori Duncan

Meeting called to order at 4:34 PM.

1. Approval of February's minutes.

Motion to approve by John Singler and Roger Weaver 2nds. Unanimous vote to pass.

2. LMS Change (Jeff Schramm) – (See handouts) Early last fall the first committee was convened to see if Bb was still meeting our needs. Faculty & students came together to form the committee with IT support; but IT has no voting option. We decided that Bb was becoming an impediment & we needed to look into another alternative. We brought in several other LMS providers for demos. After taking all of this into consideration, the committee decided to recommend Canvas.

Benefits of Canvas:

- Ability to drag & drop
- Better calendar feature
- Any syllabus change automatically sends to the students' calendar
- Students can determine how they want to be notified (text, email, etc.)
- Private company, but open-source
- Hosted Cloud service (independent of UM)
- Ability to access from anywhere in the world; not restricted to your internal network.
- Cost is substantially less than Bb.

Michigan Tech has been using Canvas for the past 2 years. Even if the cost were the same, Canvas would still be our choice. Most of the savings is in the area of support. It is offered through Internet 2 so security should not be an issue.

This isn't a done deal yet. The process of paying for it & implementing it still has to be done. But, the faculty committee was unanimous in their decision to recommend Canvas & would like to see it implemented as soon as possible. Bb contract is bound through Dec. 2015. We are piloting a few courses already in Canvas & will add more pilots this fall.

Columbia has just started a search for a new LMS as well. They are joining in with us on our search. UMKC hasn't weighed in yet & UMSL is thinking about it.

The committee is asking for an endorsement from the ITCC. Jeff will be submitting an official report to the ITCC later.

If you are interested in checking out Canvas, contact Angie Hammons.

3. RTD is moving along quickly. The website is now up & running. Go check it out at [rtd2014.mst.edu](http://rtd2014.mst.edu).
4. MU has hired Tim Middelkoop, a rep similar to Mark Bookout. He is supposed to be generating interest in research.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.