



The Path to Desire2Learn



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Innovative Learning Technology

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Why Change?

- Blackboard acquired ANGEL in May 2009
- Bb announced that ANGEL would cease to exist as a separately supported product in October 2014
- Need to provide Faculty with 2 years lead time to convert courses



Path to Desire2Learn

- College faculty representatives
 - Nominated by Deans
- Special meetings with vendor representatives
- Special access to the sandboxes for Bb & D2L
- Talked with colleagues
- Provided “Typical” workflows
- Met 3 additional times
 - 2:1 Preference for D2L
 - Could accept either LMS
- Special thanks to these faculty!





Faculty & Student Representatives



John Bell	Byron Brown	Brent Domann
Severin Grabski	Timothy Hinds	Nancy Lang
Robert Larose	Robert Malinowski	Jeanette McWaters
Jason Merrill	Brian O'Shea	Jamie Ramos
Nancy Schmitt	Scott Schopieray	David Sheridan
Deborah Sleight	Diomedes Solano Rabago	Jon Stoltzfus
John Wagner	Steven Weiland	Thomas Wolff



Concerns for a New LMS



- Accessibility (D2L?)
- Administration (Bb)
- Analytics push
- Conversion (Bb?)
- Gradebook (D2L)
- Mobility push
- Pricing (Bb)
- Support push
- Usability (D2L)



Path to Desire2Learn

- Gathered data from other Big-10 universities
- Considered Faculty 2:1 preference for D2L
- Considered Imputed Faculty Time and Cost for “Typical Workflow Tasks”
- Selected Desire2Learn





Implementing Desire2Learn

- Training
 - Working on details training program
 - Will have sessions at Faculty Seminars at the end of Fall and Spring semesters
- Course Content Conversion
 - Working with vendor
- D2L Available for Faculty Testing
 - Late October 2012



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Desire2Learn Availability



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- Spring 2013 Courses
 - Phase 1 “Limited Integrations”
 - Faculty Access Late October 2012
- Summer 2013/Fall 2013
 - Phase 2 “Complete Integrations”
 - Faculty Access Late April 2013
- More information is available at
 - <http://tech.msu.edu/d2l/>



ANGEL

- Continued Use & Support through Spring Semester 2015
- Faculty can decide when they want to convert their course content
- ANGEL will NOT be available as of Summer 2015



Questions?

