

Online Learning Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2021, 3pm

1. Approval of September minutes

Approved

2. New 21-22 Meeting Dates and Times (voted on via email)

First Fridays at 3:00

3. Officer appointments for 21-22 (Chair, Vice Chair and ABC rep voted on via email)

Chair, Aaron Gibbs

Vice Chair, Hugh Clark

ABC Rep, Kevin Cannell

Secretary, Dan Cryer (approved last May)

4. Chairs Council member (via last month's bylaw change) – Sarah Boyle

Sarah can't attend (teaches then) but can send a report

5. Canvas Details (quiz tool migration, InstructureCon) – Ed

Ed created a webpage gathering info about quiz tool changes, including links to sunset timeline (March '22 new tool comes online; July '22 is end of current quiz tool) and community conversation about the tools, questions, and issues:

<https://blogs.jccc.edu/2021/09/01/canvas-new-quizzes-conversation/>

One big concern is that there's currently no capability in Canvas for migrating question banks into the new tool. Ed notes that many people from different institutions are putting pressure on Instructure to fix this.

InstructureCon is Thurs, Oct 7, starting at 11:00am. All sessions will be recorded, but you must register to attend or access recordings. Link to register:

<https://www.instructure.com/events/instructurecon21/registration>

Question: What if you're using the question banks on, say, McGraw Hill Connect – will that be impacted by these changes to the quiz tool?

Answer: It will not be impacted. But there's still uncertainty about zip files (like of question banks) that instructors get from publishers. Not sure if that will be affected.

Comment: We could consider drafting a letter with other institutions to put some pressure on Instructure about quiz tool & especially migration issues.

6. Equatio pilot

Digital math platform. Equation-writing tool, can speak them back to users, other functionality too.

Usable now in pilot form, contact Ed Lovitt for access.

Discussion about Canvas flagging PDFs as not accessible (not specifically related to Equatio but about Canvas & accessibility in general); EdTech working with Document Services on a tool for cleaning up PDFs.

7. Any representative reports

Brett Cooper: Jim Leikert has let FA know that he put in a request to IDC to change the document outlining procedures for observing online courses. Change (in previous minutes) is that supervisors will give advance notice to faculty before "observing."

Kevin Cannell: I've been to 2 ABC meetings, providing specific information to ABC from OLAC that they request. So some OLAC docs & records are becoming part of ABC's records.

8. Other business

No other business, motion to adjourn.

In Attendance

Voting Members

Aaron Gibbs

Dan Cryer

George Ferguson

Kevin Cannell

Akram Al-Rawi

Debby Pockrandt

Hugh Clark

Jessica Tipton

Sarah Boyle

Visiting Representatives

Ed Lovitt

Brett Cooper

Debbie Rulo

Holly Dressler

Leslie Quinn

Susan Brown

Rebecca Anderson