

Online Learning Advisory Council

Meeting Agenda

March 4, 2022, 3pm

1. Approval of February minutes

Approved

2. Canvas Updates (Ed)

a. New Quiz migration issues (with Kevin): Ed & Jeff K met with Instructure recently and it still has lots of problems. For example, images won't migrate from old quiz tool into new. Another issue: finding specific questions w/in banks is much more difficult in new tool. Keven pointed this out to Instructure rep.

b. New Quiz training sessions: We do have some videos. But further training is being delayed for now because Canvas is still developing this tool and it's just not ready, and full implementation is still 2.5 years out.

c. No update on release: Still no new release in Canvas and no major updates on this. Though there are upcoming updates with learning outcome integration, which Ed can answer questions about.

3. Chairs using OSCQR quality course guide to help faculty (Ed)

Some department chairs are using this, asking faculty to provide access to one course and assess it according to OSCQR guidelines. These are in the OLAC Canvas page, and there's an anonymized email sent by a dept chair to their faculty. Ed will speak with this chair and ask if they'd be willing to report to us on how that's going.

These standards are being updated.

One key is "RSI" – regular and substantive interaction. There's an RSI overview chart in OLAC Canvas. This doc says RSI is "required" by DoE, which suggests it bears upon accreditation. Link to RSI scale: <https://oscqr.suny.edu/rsi/>

4. Online Enrollment issue update (Aaron)

Trend seems to be away from hybrid classes since 2012 and towards face-to-face and fully online.

Testing center restrictions are prohibitive for teaching hybrid classes too.

Also true that overall enrollment is down considerably, so hybrid decreases might be part of overall decrease.

Comment: There are so many variables in data over last few years, including the way class search has changed – not even taking into account COVID and the testing center.

5. Any Representative Reports

Kevin (ABC): Open discussion about academic dishonesty, from plagiarism to cheating on tests. This will be brought up next month too, so if anyone here has something to add, let me know or send to ABC.

Comment: In the English department we've been talking about Course Hero, a site where students can upload their work from classes and get access to what others have uploaded, included tests and papers. It can be very difficult to get material down from these types of sites.

Response: Mark Swales in the library can help you get your stuff down from these sites.

6. Other business

Comment: (About Ally, Canvas, and accessibility) If you add an alt-text label on an image in Canvas, that info gets saved into the html editor, but Ally doesn't perceive this so the "dial" can still be red. In other words, alt-tags in html don't register in Ally, even though they make content more accessible. The point is that if for some reason we stop using Ally, our accessibility features will be gone, but if we just make things more accessible in Canvas html that won't budge our Ally dials, so if anyone looks into our course it can look less accessible than it actually is.

7. Next meeting: April 1st at 3pm

In attendance, voting members

Aaron Gibbs
Debby Pockrandt
George Ferguson
Christina Wolff
Kevin Cannell
Sarah Boyle
Jessica Tipton
Hugh Clark

Visiting representatives

Ed Lovitt
Brett Cooper
Jeff Kosko

Leslie Quinn
Susan Brown
Shannon Ford
Vince Miller