Welcome to the UTA Canvas Newsletter for key stakeholders. This communication tool will provide you with additional information and details on UTA's conversion to Canvas. The newsletter will be archived at canvas.uta.edu. Questions can be sent to canvasteam@uta.edu.

**CANVAS UPDATE**

► The Canvas configuration is progressing well. Currently the team is preparing to import data related to Account Structure, Users, Sections, Group Categories, Group Memberships, and Enrollment from MyMav into the Canvas Production Environment. In addition, third-party text integration is ongoing with 13 integrations fully setup and 4 pending for purchasing. For a detailed list, please contact the transition team at canvasteam@uta.edu.

► Colleges/schools have identified small cohorts of courses that will test and pilot Canvas in Spring 2019. Faculty teaching pilot courses are now in Canvas training courses led by their college/school champions building a cohort of Canvas experts within each college/school. Plans for bringing additional faculty to the Canvas Training Cohort are underway to allow faculty to take advantage of the holidays to learn this new LMS.

► Training to support the conversion of courses chosen for the Spring 2019 pilot and beyond is underway. CDE will provide Open Labs for Canvas pilot faculty every Friday from 2-4 pm in Nedderman 315. The Canvas training schedule for faculty resulting in faculty to be brought up to speed in February. Faculty on the LMS (Blackboard) are asked to complete the pre-migration checklist to prepare their course for migration to Canvas.

**CANVAS COURSE PILOT - SPRING 2019**

In order to prepare for a smooth LMS transition campus-wide, our college champions and selected faculty will pilot their courses in Canvas during Spring 2019. Faculty teaching courses chosen for the spring 2019 pilot and beyond will be provided with a consistent learning experience. Feedback from the pilots will be used to inform the conversion process for campus-wide deployment.

**COLLEGE/SCHOOL CHAMPION REMINDERS**

Key Dates for January Pilot

- 1/11 - Complete pre-migration checklist
- 1/18 - Complete pilot course migration

**CANVAS CONTACT INFORMATION**

Transition Website: canvas.uta.edu
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**CANVAS FEATURE OF THE MONTH**

**SpeedGrader**

You can now annotate images in SpeedGrader using the DocViewer annotation tools.

**Word Counter**

The Rich Content Editor now displays a word counter when you’re typing in the editor window. This helps you know how many words you’ve typed in a discussion, page, or assignment text entry.

For announcements, updates, helpful tips and ideas for enhancing teaching and learning with Canvas at UTA, visit the Canvas webpage: canvas.uta.edu.