UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED BY THE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REVIEW GROUP
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The Learning Management System (LMS) Review Group makes these recommendations to the Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC).

Recommendations for the Adoption of Canvas by Instructure

1. The LMS Review Group recommends that the University adopt Canvas (from Instructure) as the campus-wide learning management system.

2. With several NU schools and programs already planning the move of their summer 2014 courses into Canvas, the transition at Northwestern from Blackboard to Canvas should begin immediately.

3. In order to minimize the period during which NU students will experience having some courses in Blackboard and some courses in Canvas, the LMS Review Group recommends that a comprehensive program of Canvas training for NU instructors, teaching assistants and program assistants be started in summer 2014 and continue throughout the transition period. The Blackboard Learn system should be retired from production use for courses at Northwestern in August 2015.

4. The LMS Review Group recommends that ETAC form a steering group to assure the successful transition to Canvas. Representation on this steering and implementation group should include representatives from NUIT, from the Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, from the NU Library, and from NU schools.