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NUIT ANNOUNCES COURSE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE TO VERSION 6.0

NUIT is upgrading to a new version of NU’s Blackboard-based Course Management System, version 6.0, which will be released on June 23.

NU’s Course Management System (CMS) has been used for four years at Northwestern, by over 20,000 students and faculty. CMS enables instructors to add an online component to a traditional class or teach an entire class on the web by allowing faculty to easily and quickly communicate with students and bring course materials online.

The new version of the software features a number of desired enhancements, including a more functional and flexible grade book, easier means for managing assignments electronically, and the ability for instructors to rename the main areas of a course site. The upgraded version also offers faculty members a way to more quickly copy material between course sites, and makes it easier for faculty to integrate different types of content such as discussion forums, quizzes and web documents onto a single web page. The new software offers greater flexibility and control in the design of quizzes and surveys, as well as a synchronous conferencing tool.

Workshops and seminars will be offered throughout the summer and fall terms. To find out more information and to register, please go to http://course-management.northwestern.edu/training.html. Further information about the new version of NU’s Course Management System is located at http://course-management.northwestern.edu.