University of Windsor
Senate

5.8:   **Report of the Provost**

Item for: **Information**

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1. Brightspace Update – E. Kustra
The LMS Team is working closely to prepare instructors and GA/TAs who will be teaching in the Winter Term. The Fall pilot is almost complete with over 1300 students and 31 credit courses and 18 non-credit course or "organization" sites. Promotional events to raise awareness are ongoing, including the November 29 event with 500 cookies.

Winter 2023 course shells have all been created in Brightspace, so all instructors should now see their winter courses. All course shells, for terms between Winter 2021 to Summer 2022, have been migrated to Brightspace (Fall 2022 will take place once grade submissions are complete). Instructors wishing to migrate older courses or ask for any other help can submit a ticket to Brightspace www.uwindsor.ca/brightspace/ticket.

Faculty Specific support: Faculty Brightspace Champions have been identified for each Faculty to provide embedded help by faculty peers. 23 Faculty and Departmental Council presentations introducing Brightspace have been given to over 400 people.

Extended Drop-ins and Chat: Virtual and in-person drop-ins are available, including specially booked Faculty locations, extended exam weekend hours, and holiday times scheduled to help instructors. Additional after-hours chat support is being prepared.

Workshops: A total of 64 Brightspace workshops have been scheduled between October 13 and December 2022, with more being added as needed. Additional training is planned for instructors, GAs and TAs in January. As of this Monday November 28, approximately 440 unique people have received training for Brightspace.

Self-paced: For those who prefer to work on their own time, there are recordings of workshops, guided training and a curated list of Brightspace documentation for step-by-step how-to written instructions.

Plagiarism/Similarity Checking: Selection and implementation of a plagiarism/similarity checking software to replace SafeAssign is underway. The team invites campus inviting campus comment through a survey based on the Turnitin video demonstration (**Passcode:** 7rfd$a0&).

2. ITS Updates – M. Pulcer
In addition to the transition of Blackboard to Brightspace,

a) ITS is pleased to announce that Cortex XDR is the permanent enterprise endpoint security system replacing SentinelOne. SentinelOne provided the campus with protection while ITS completed the procurement process for a permanent solution. The transition to Cortex XDR is already underway and it will be required soon to access sensitive University systems. This transition will be seamless for campus users with computers already enrolled in the University's device management system. We expect to have Cortex XDR deployed to all managed devices by end of the calendar year. Individuals with university-owned computers that are not yet enrolled in device management

are strongly recommended to enrol their devices (contact IT Services) to avoid potential delays in getting critical security software.

b) Work is underway to modernize existing ARAC and Form 1/2/3 processes on campus. IT Services anticipates updated systems to be in place early to mid-2023. The update will allow more HR processes to exist within the more secure VIP system and allow for a better experience for applicants and better reporting capabilities for the University.

3. Black Scholars Hiring Initiative
The open ads have resulted in 300 inquiries to date and 27 applications. The applications close January 10, 2023.

The core selection committee meets the week of December 5, 2022 and meetings are being held with Deans for underrepresented Faculties.

4. Search Updates
a) Dean, Odette School of Business
The first round of interviews will be completed the week of December 5th.

b) AVP, Student Experience
Community feedback due Monday, December 5, 2022.

5. Important Dates
Examination period runs from December 10, 2022 to December 21, 2022 (excluding Law and Education)

University closed December 23, 2022 to January 2, 2023

University re-opens January 3, 2023
- Nursing Clinical Orientation (Years 3/4)
- First day of classes Consecutive Education
- First day of classes for Law

January 4, 2023
- Nursing Clinical Orientation (Years 1/2)

January 5, 2023
- First day of Winter 2023 classes