Saint Mary's University OF MINNESOTA

MIGRATING TO A NEW LMS: IMPLEMENTING A BEST-IN-CLASS STRATEGY

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K16 SOLUTIONS

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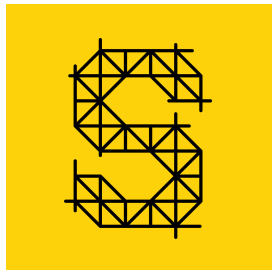
ABOUT K16 SOLUTIONS

FOUNDED: 2018
Co-Founders worked in academia

OUR MISSION: TO SOLVE LMS PROBLEMS
Course migration & course design & course archiving



FIRST PRODUCT: SCAFFOLD
Migration / Design / Archiving

ABOUT OUR LMS MIGRATION

Scaffold
Powered by K16 Solutions

SUPPORTED LEARNING PLATFORMS

canvas D2L™ Blackboard

Sakai® Open LMS moodle

coursera kaltura Panopto™

6,000+ COURSE TRANSFERS

Avg - Per week / Per institution

125,000+ VIDEO FILES

Transitioned from Kaltura to Panopto in under one week

350,000+ COURSES

Processed over the last year

COMMON MIGRATION QUESTIONS

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

SMUMN Team

Saint Mary's University OF MINNESOTA

ABOUT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

FOUNDED: 1912

By Bishop Patrick R. Heffron and Roman Catholic affiliation, De La Salle Christian Brothers

INSTITUTION TYPE: PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

Serving 5,548 undergraduate, bachelor's completion, masters and doctoral degree students at three Minnesota campus locations and nationally online

OUR MISSION: AWAKE, NURTURE & EMPOWER

Enriched by the Lasallian Catholic heritage, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota awakens, nurtures, and empowers learners to ethical lives of service and leadership

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SINGLE LMS SELECTION AND MIGRATION

Andrea Carroll-Glover, Vice Provost Online Strategy & Programs
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Abram Hedtke, Director of Instructional Technology

Don't wait for opportunity, create it!

ONLINE VISION

Saint Mary's University online is a leader in Lasallian Catholic global online education. We provide a nurturing online learning experience that is accessible and affordable. Our transformative programs are designed to meet the ever-evolving needs of 21st century learners and develop skills leveraging technology and helping learners realize and achieve their potential. Graduates are prepared to make valuable contributions in their chosen professions and act as creative problem solvers and ethical leaders in their local and global communities.

ONLINE PRIORITIES

Moving to One LMS

University Strategic Plan Alignment

- ✓ *Move towards a "one university" approach and be good stewards of our resources*

Online Strategy and Program Priorities

- ✓ *Move from 2 Learning Management Systems to a Single LMS*
- ✓ *Create a consistent, high quality learning experience through a single LMS*
- ✓ *Elevate the the student experience through a virtual community to that equal or greater than on ground campus community*
- ✓ *Technology support services for readiness to scale online efforts*
- ✓ *Online course consistency to optimize the student experience*

HIGH LEVEL LMS TIMELINE

LMS Task Force

LMS Task Force created to research and find a new LMS for Saint Mary's

SEP 2019

Canvas Chosen

Through LMS research, analysis, and community engagement of students, faculty and staff, Canvas selected as Saint Mary's University's new single LMS.

APR 2020

Migration begins and LMS Launches

First batch of courses are migrated using the k16 solution and new LMS launched and available for teaching just one year after the LMS initiative began

AUG 2020

Continued Migration

At the university's pace, Saint Mary's continues course migration with large majority of courses completed and Blackboard LMS sunsetted. Blackboard courses archived in the k16 archive solution.

SEP-MAY 2020

All in Canvas

All courses in the Canvas LMS and Engage LMS sunsetted.

JAN 2022

LMS TASK FORCE

Charge of the Task Force

1. *Advance Meeting the Needs of Modern and Consistent Online Experience*
2. *Evaluate Potential LMS Solutions*
3. *Select and Recommend a Single LMS Solution*
4. *Plan and Oversee the Implementation and Migration to a Single LMS Solution*

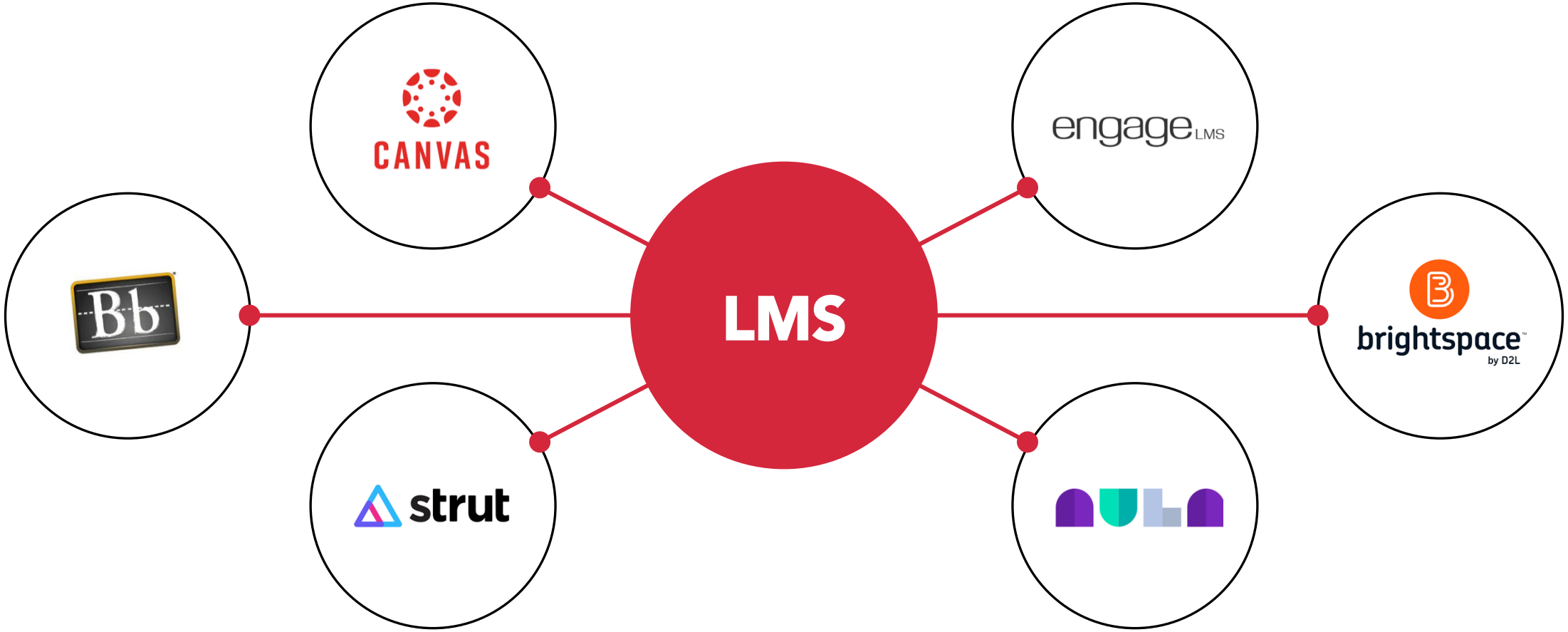
LMS Task Force membership included membership from across the university including representation by faculty, staff, and administration.

The task force was led by co-chairs Andrea Carroll-Glover (Vice Provost for Online Strategy and Programs) and Tianna Johnson (Asst Vice President for Information Technology)

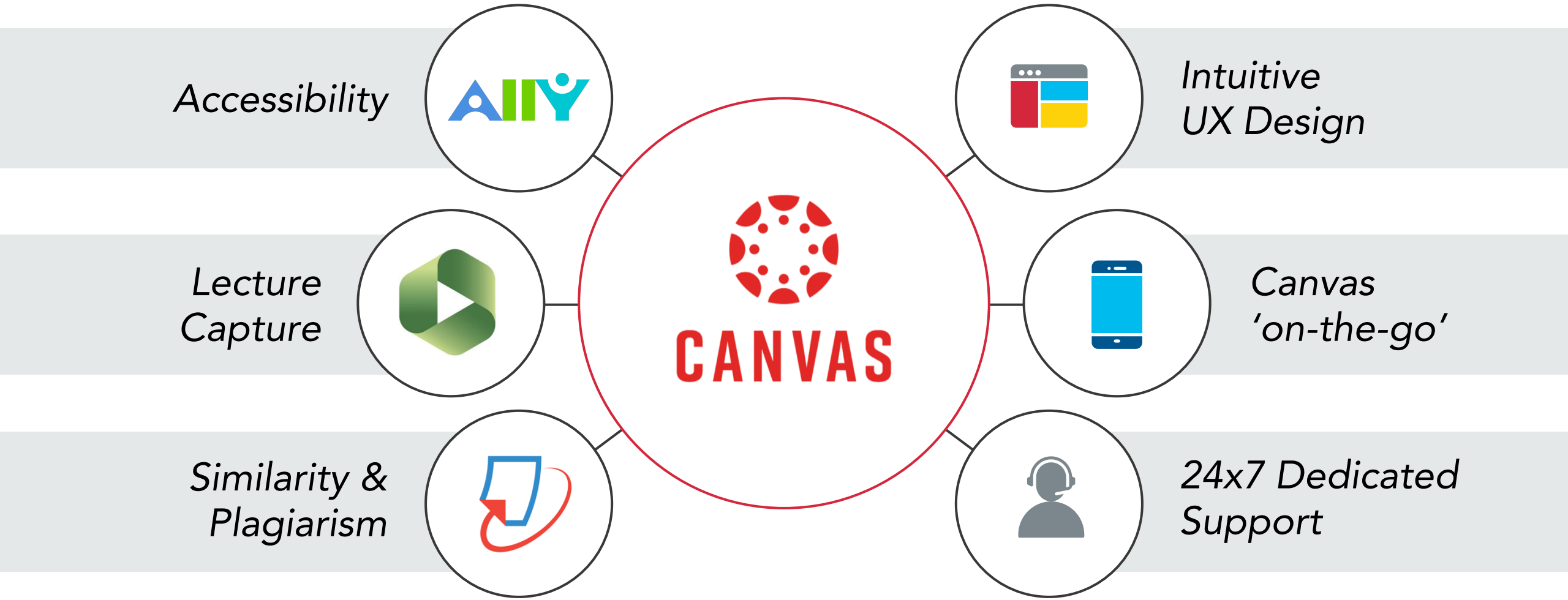
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
INSIGHTS FROM THE LMS SURVEY

- *Most important LMS features -- Faculty, Staff, and Students all said "**User Friendly**" as the most important feature, with Students saying "**Mobile Friendly**" as #2 most important.*
- *Important for implementation -- Faculty said "**Data Transfer**" and "**Time to Prepare**," Staff and Students said "**Training**," everyone valued "**Communication**."*
- *Typical usage of LMS differed among user groups and campuses.*
- *Majority feel proficient in current LMS (Blackboard or Engage)*
- **Survey insights inform both the RFP and overall selection criteria**

REQUEST FOR LMS PROPOSALS



NEW SINGLE LMS SOLUTION



LMS SELECTION & MIGRATION

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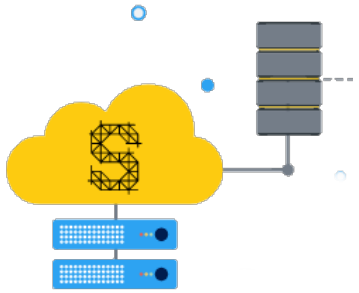
In choosing Canvas as Saint Mary's University's new LMS, K16 was recommended as a partner to accelerate and streamline course migration

K16 SOLUTIONS

- *K16 was able to support migration from 2 LMS systems working both internally and in our OPM partnership*
- *Collaboration between Saint Mary's, Canvas, K16 and OPM provided a clear migration pathway*
- *Migration process included stakeholder engagement with students, faculty and staff throughout the process.*
- *K16 provided both speed and accuracy of course migration ensuring a smooth transition.*

WHAT WE GET WITH K16

Flexible, 'move at our own pace' migration



Archive solution

Customized course clean-up

Dedicated support

WHAT USERS ARE SAYING

LESSONS LEARNED & ADVICE FOR OTHERS

1. Communication and transparency throughout the process

2. Engage your community to gain buy-in and alignment

3. Innovation and partnerships create opportunities to buck the traditional approaches to LMS implementation

4. Higher Education can move fast while maintaining quality

QUESTIONS?

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SOME SCHOOLS WE'VE HELPED

Rutgers

From Sakai & Blackboard to Canvas

Migrated from multiple platforms

Tusculum University Established 1794

Moodle to Canvas

Wake Forest University

Sakai to Canvas

New York Institute of Technology

Blackboard to Canvas

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Blackboard & Moodle to Canvas

Metropolitan State University of Denver

Blackboard to Canvas

Mohawk College

D2L to Canvas

Migrated 20,000 Courses in Ten days

Northeastern University

Blackboard to Canvas

California State University Fullerton

Moodle to Canvas

Ottawa University

Blackboard Classic to Blackboard Ultra

Required full migration

USA University of South Alabama

Sakai to Canvas

University of New Haven

Blackboard to Canvas

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4 Attributes of Successful LMS Migrations

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Mohawk College migrates 20,000 courses in Ten Days

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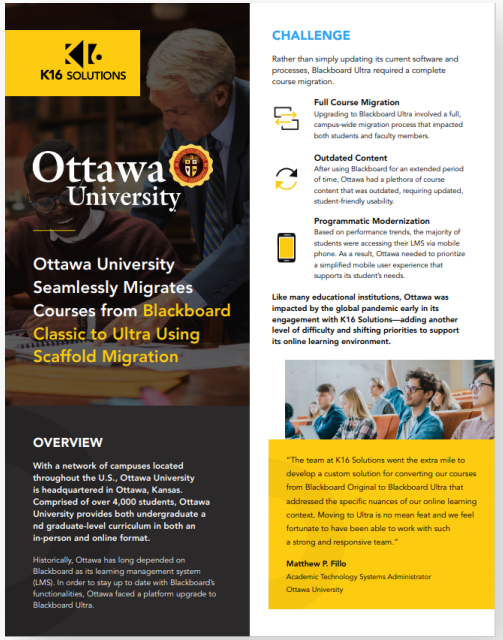
Ottawa Univ moves from Blackboard Original to Ultra



GET CASE STUDY

Rutgers Univ migrates from Sakai & Blackboard to Canvas

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