Canvas is coming….

A TRADITION OF
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THINKING

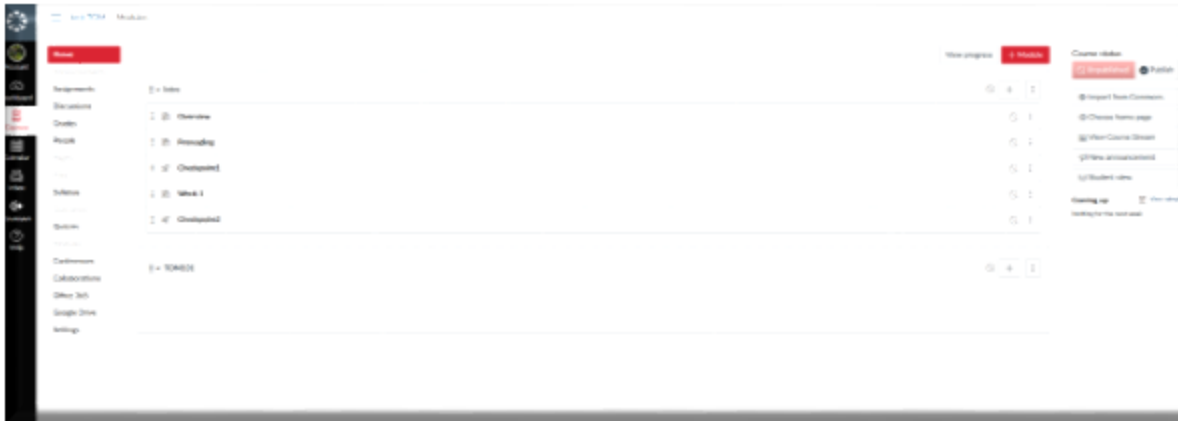UCC

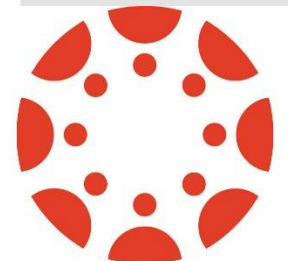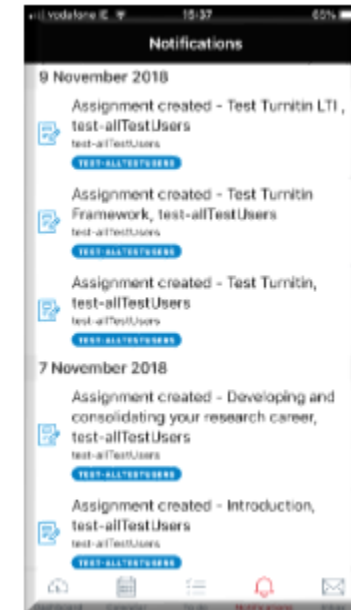University College Cork, Ireland
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What is Canvas?

Cloud-based Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

3,000 institutions globally

Replacing Blackboard for 19/20 AY

The Context for Change

Goal One of UCC's **Independent Thinking Shared Ambition Strategic Plan** requires the university to

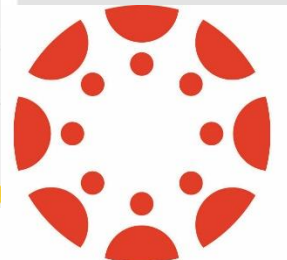*…implement an academic strategy to deliver an outstanding, student-centred teaching and learning experience with a renewed, responsive and research-led curriculum at its core.*

Office of Vice President for Learning and Teaching's 2017 – 2022 Strategic Plan lists four priorities:

- *deliver student-centred, research-based learning;*
- *expand lifelong and life-wide learning opportunities;*
- *enhance staff development, and*
- *unlock the potential of technology.*

The **Connected University Academic Strategy** recognises the central importance of a modern virtual learning environment:

UCC's current Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) will be replaced with a modern, intuitive system offering a significant uplift in how we support our students' learning. The VLE will become the main online platform to support our teaching and learning, giving our academic staff the tools to teach in innovative ways, and offering the flexibility to deliver a Connected Curriculum.

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Learning Taxonomy at UCC

Campus-Based	Blended				Online	
Classroom Course	Synchronous Distributed	Web Enhanced	Blended Classroom	Blended Online	Online	Flexible Mode

Classroom

Course activity is organised around scheduled class meetings.

Synchronous Distributed

Web-based technologies are used to extend classroom lectures and other activities to students at remote sites in real time.

Web Enhanced

Online course activity complements class sessions without reducing the number of required class meetings

Blended Classroom

Online activity is mixed with classroom meetings, replacing a significant percentage, but not all required face-to-face instructional activities.

Blended Online

Most course activity is done online, but there are some required face-to-face instructional activities, such as lectures, discussions, labs, or other in-person learning activities.

Online

All course activity is done online; there are no required face-to-face sessions within the course and no requirements for on-campus activity.

Flexible Mode

Offers multiple delivery modes so that students can choose which delivery mode(s) to use for instructional and other learning purposes.

Existing UCC Examples

Most UCC Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes

MEngSc Information Technology in Architecture, Engineering and Construction

MA Digital Arts and Humanities

Postgraduate Certificate Dairy Technology and Innovation

Postgraduate Diploma Educational Leadership

LAW – LLM Child and Family Law

MSc Older Person Rehabilitation

BSc Credit Union Business

MA Work & Organisational Psychology/ Behaviour

MA Digital Music & Media Composition

PGDip/MSc Gerontological Nursing

MComm Government Public & Policy

MSc Co-operative & Social Enterprise

MA Strategic Studies

MA Gaelic Literature

Certificate Autism Studies

Postgraduate Certificate Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

MSc Mathematical Modelling & Scientific Computing

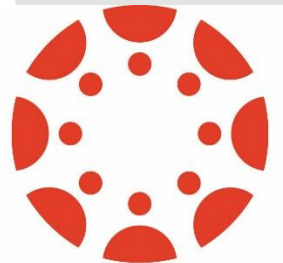Claire Fennell, ID Team, UCC

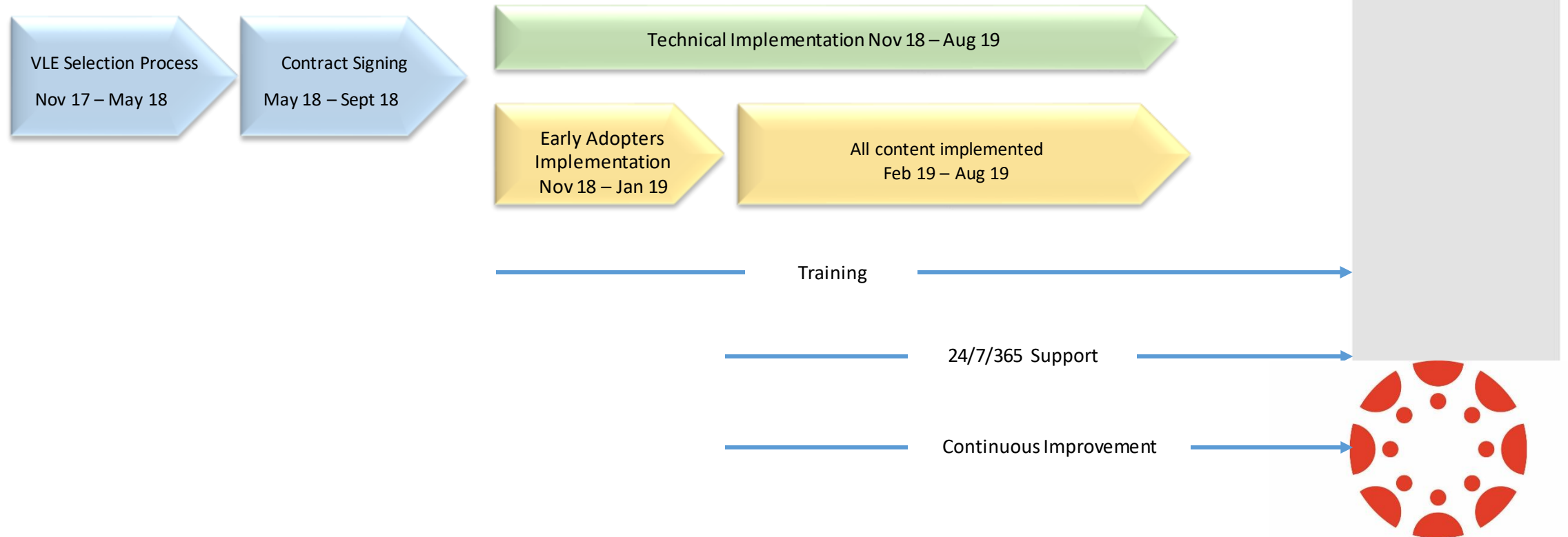canvas

Why change?

Enhanced Student Experience

Improved Staff Experience

Better Functions
- Modern Web interface
- Better accessibility
- More intuitive design
- Easier to create content
- Programme level representation
- Better collaboration tools
- Modules from previous years
- Mobile
- Web conferencing facility
- Online chat
- Polling
- Digital badges
- Eportfolio
- 24/7 support for staff and students
- SAAS model – robust, easy upgrades, up to date fixes

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Canvas Implementation Roadmap

VLE Selection Process

Nov 17 – May 18

Contract Signing

May 18 – Sept 18

Technical Implementation Nov 18 – Aug 19

Early Adopters
Implementation
Nov 18 – Jan 19

All content implemented
Feb 19 – Aug 19

Training

24/7/365 Support

Continuous Improvement

Change Team

Project Owner - Deputy President and Register, Professor John O'Halloran

**Project Sponsor** - Incoming Vice President for Learning and Teaching, Professor Paul McSweeney

Canvas Implementation Steering Group - Chaired by Project Sponsor

Canvas Implementation Project Manager - Head of Digital Education, Tom O'Mara

Canvas Implementation Technical Lead - Tim O'Donovan (IT Services)

Canvas Implementation Operations Group - Instructional Design Team and Learning Technology Unit
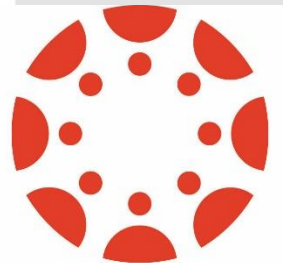
Key Advisory Panel – as required – Student Panel, APAR, Library, M&C, Systems Admin, AVMS

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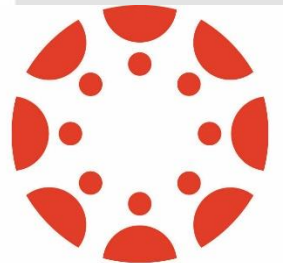
Questions?

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