

# URI ETAC Meeting Notes

September, 2025

## Notes:

1. This is the first meeting of AY 25/26 and will be primarily a planning meeting.
2. New Member Recruitment
  - a. Please let us know if you intend to continue, would like to change who represents your department, or need to step back from ETAC.
3. Brightspace Change plan
  - a. This large-scale series of Brightspace enhancements will kick off this year, beginning this Fall.
  - b. A D2L consultant has been contracted to help perform this work
  - c. In December 2025, we will archive 2020 course data
  - d. In May 2026, we will archive 2021 course data
  - e. Faculty will begin receiving messaging about this in the coming months.
  - f. TLS office workstations
    - i. The TLS office in the library, room 227, has 4 new faculty workstations installed.
    - ii. Faculty are welcome to drop by to use them, or schedule time with the TLS team to collaborate on a project or issue with them.
    - iii. TLS also installed a high power recording PC that can be scheduled for faculty use.
4. New Content Experience
  - a. Enhanced Brightspace user experience, but does not change content.
  - b. Pilot group used the tool over the summer with good feedback.
  - c. In August, faculty were given the ability to opt in to using the New Content Experience.
  - d. It is working well so far, no major issues
  - e. In May, New Content Experience will be made the default setting for all URI courses, with no ability to switch back.
  - f. Faculty using this tool for Fall classes reported that they have had no major complaints or issues.
5. Engage
  - a. A reminder that Engage and Course Merchant are available for faculty to use to sell courses to the general public.
6. LTI's

- a. No new requests
- b. Integration with Rhody Connect app will be enabled soon. Backend setup is complete, and IT Innovation team is troubleshooting a few issues with the app vendor.
- c. Reminder that Follett integration (new URI bookstore) was added over the summer.
  - i. No major issues reported so far.
- d. This fall, TLS will target upgrades to Panopto, Zoom, and IDEA integrations.