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
   1. 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
   1. This large-scale series of Brightspace enhancements will kick off this year, beginning this Fall.
   2. A D2L consultant has been contracted to help perform this work
   3. In December 2025, we will archive 2020 course data
   4. In May 2026, we will archive 2021 course data
   5. Faculty will begin receiving messaging about this in the coming months.
   6. TLS office workstations
      1. The TLS office in the library, room 227, has 4 new faculty workstations installed.
      2. 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.
      3. TLS also installed a high power recording PC that can be scheduled for faculty use.
4. New Content Experience
   1. Enhanced Brightspace user experience, but does not change content.
   2. Pilot group used the tool over the summer with good feedback.
   3. In August, faculty were given the ability to opt in to using the New Content Experience.
   4. It is working well so far, no major issues
   5. In May, New Content Experience will be made the default setting for all URI courses, with no ability to switch back.
   6. Faculty using this tool for Fall classes reported that they have had no major complaints or issues.
5. Engage
   1. A reminder that Engage and Course Merchant are available for faculty to use to sell courses to the general public.
6. LTI’s
   1. No new requests
   2. 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.
   3. Reminder that Follett integration (new URI bookstore) was added over the summer.
      1. No major issues reported so far.
   4. This fall, TLS will target upgrades to Panopto, Zoom, and IDEA integrations.