

LMS Review Task Force Update

This does not necessarily mean that Sakai will be replaced – it has served the college well for seven years, and there is great familiarity and adoption of the system. We have renewed our contract for Sakai through Spring 2021, and if an alternative system is selected then both systems would be in place for one academic year. Of course, the contract and cost associated with the proposed vendors will also be part of the evaluation and a recommendation will be made by the end of Spring 2020.

We recognize that the technology landscape is different today than it was when we adopted Sakai, and that newer systems might foster innovative and inventive practices. We consider the LMS an essential part of teaching and learning at the college, so it should serve to enhance that activity as much as possible.

During the Fall term, a survey will be sent out regarding your use of Sakai. This will be your opportunity to express both what you like and dislike about our existing system. We encourage you to participate.

Additionally, in October and November there will be on-campus demonstrations of alternative systems that the task force will evaluate. Dates will be forthcoming, but we hope that you can attend at least one of these presentations. We would like to thank the administration for their direction and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the LMS Review Task Force at itdp@providence.edu.