



# NET+ Canvas Newsletter

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*In this version of the NET+ Canvas Newsletter, learn about the latest updates from Instructure about Canvas, comments and feedback from the Canvas Advisory Board, as well as best practices in Canvas use around the Internet2 Community.*



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## EVENTS

**NET+ Canvas Service Advisory Board Meeting**  
February 8th, 2023

See meeting agenda items under Canvas Advisory Board Section

## Instructure Updates

*The latest from Instructure regarding Canvas product offerings.*

### Professional Education at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania



Wharton Online at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania serves thousands of learners across the globe with speed and ingenuity. Learn how this Ivy League institution is leveraging Canvas LMS and Canvas Catalog to make world-class business education more accessible. [Read more here.](#)

## A Look at Socioeconomic Factors Impacting Student Success



While it's commonly known that socioeconomic factors greatly impact students in higher education, understanding which factors rise to the top can be challenging. According to our global 2022 State of Student Success and Engagement in Higher Education report, there are many socioeconomic factors impacting student success and engagement, and four in particular have increased in importance from 2020 to 2022. [Learn more here](#)

## Howard University



Howard University developed an LMS committee composed of a diverse group of key stakeholders that carefully considered its Learning Management System needs. After reviewing several learning platforms, the committee unanimously chose Canvas LMS for its easy-to-use interface, 24/7 support, and mobile capabilities. [Read more here](#)

## Evolving Lectures with Tech-Enhanced Learning



As higher education evolves away from the traditional lecture hall model, tech-enhanced learning has the podium when it comes to meeting students' needs, whether in class or online. It is important for institutions to remember that while technology is a critical tool for education today, faculty ultimately empower students toward success. Therefore, supporting faculty is also supporting student success. [Read more here](#)

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## Canvas Advisory Board Updates

### Upcoming Meeting: February 8th, 2023

The next Canvas Advisory Board meeting will be on February 8th, 2023. Agenda items will be finalized and posted during the 2 weeks leading up to the meeting.



A complete listing of all Canvas Advisory Board meeting agendas can be found [here](#).

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## Meeting Recap

The [agendas](#) for our upcoming 2023 meetings have been published for your viewing. Please note, these are working documents and subject to change so please check back for any updates on a regular basis.

Thank you to all who participated in this month's meeting for your insightful feedback, ideas, and discussion! Should you have any questions or want further information around the work being done by the NET+ Canvas Service Advisory Board or a copy of the Partner Program Report, please don't hesitate to visit us at <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/7BOJCQ> or contact us at [netplus@internet2.edu](mailto:netplus@internet2.edu) and we will be happy to respond.

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## NET+ Canvas Program Update

### Service Advisory Board Goals for 2023

#### **Goal #1**

Continue to have timely discussions about Customer Experience as it relates to Instructure products and services, the NET+ Canvas program, our community, as well as future Instructure M&A conversations.

Deliverable: Continue to update/refine Canvas Institutional Profiles for effective collaboration within the program.

Deliverable: Bring to light community needs that are not being addressed otherwise in these areas.

#### **Goal #2**

Instructure to conduct semi-annual product roadmap discussion and a review of the R1 Peers/I2 product feature request list.

Deliverable: Continue to develop and refine, with Shaun Moon and Kevin Turco, a strategy and process for I2 and R1 Peer universities to provide Instructure with actionable information on pain points and unmet needs. The strategy and process should be synced with Instructure's product development cycle and allow Instructure to clearly communicate status and progress back to the universities.

### **Goal #3**

Initiate advisory board input on Instructure's platform strategy as it relates to third party vendors and data integration/mash-ups.

Deliverable: Focused discussion with Kevin Turco and Karl Lloyd.

Deliverable: Focused discussion on what universities are doing with Canvas data and live events. What action do the data feed?

Deliverable: Implement this goal's outcomes effectively within the Canvas Institutional Profiles for further collaboration.

### **Goal #4**

Continue Instructure product strategy discussions with Jared Stein.

## **NET+ Canvas - HELPFUL LINKS**

- [NET+ Canvas Program Main Page](#)
- [NET+ Canvas 2020 Service Advisory Board Meeting Agendas](#)
- [NET+ Canvas 2021 Service Advisory Board Meeting Agendas](#)
- [NET+ Canvas Service Advisory Board 2021 Goals](#)

# Around the Community

*Commentary from I2 Canvas users: advice, best practices, feedback.*



## R1 Peers

The Canvas Peers Research Universities Group (or R1 Peers Group) brings together representatives from large public and private research universities to share best practices around using Canvas and the surrounding ed tech ecosystem to support teaching and learning. They also collaborate closely with Instructure (Canvas vendor) and sit on the Internet2 NET+ Canvas Service Advisory Board to improve the Canvas platform and user experience for research universities. This group represents more than 250 members from 45 institutions of higher education and research across the United States, and around the world.

For context, recently the R1 Peers Group has collaborated in the following areas:

- Tier 1 support
- Archiving
- 3rd party integrations
- Pain points
- Data privacy

## LRS Standards SIG

The Learning Records Store (LRS) Special Interest Group (SIG) assembles use cases for an LRS, creates an LRS reference architecture, and develops



implementation/engineering best practices. The SIG promotes open standards that enable data from a variety of teaching and learning tools to be included in the LRS.

This group is chaired by the University of Washington and meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month, however the LRS SIG is currently on hold until May 2022. For more information or to join this group, please reach out to Matthew Buss ([mbuss@internet2.edu](mailto:mbuss@internet2.edu)). Thank you.

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