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Enter your "Students" response:

Students have access to the Brightspace system since they started at the college. It is used for grading, the weekly schedule, assignment outlines and submission and more! They have access from anywhere, whether at home or at school. The site even works (sort of) on mobile. There is no cost to students as it is paid for by the school, and there is a bit of a learning curve on the outset, but it's quite easy to understand!

Enter your "Ease of Use" response

As I said in the previous box, the Brightspace system is a bit overwhelming at first look, but is quite intuitive after a few minutes of clicking around. There have been very few moments of it being down entirely in my five years of using it. Their technical support is also very good. In the case of it being down for an extended period of time, I can use Zoom as a backup "digital" class.

Enter your "Cost" response

Development time would not be that long for me. I have the material already, and since I have experience of teaching all my classes online for two years, they can quite easily translate back if necessary. There is some research funding available, but I am not eligible for it. My institution also only pays for in-class hours, so the "extra time" put in here is par for the course.

Your Teaching and Pedagogical Considerations response:

I use Discussions often for all of my classes, whether online or not, which is absolutely a pedagogical outcome. Having open discussion about topics is important, and in fact I find that students are more hesitant to discuss in-person than online. This semester I am also trying something new with a virtual scrum check-in meeting, which is done via the Discussion board. There is a hard deadline about when the students have to post by, and expectations about what questions to answer. This still hits on the intention of a scrum meeting.

Your "Interaction" response:

Brightspace is designed for instructor/student interaction specifically. The tools on there can be used for many different tasks and assignments in all of my classes. As mentioned in the previous box, open discussion and communication is a part of my pedagogy, so a Discussion board for these discussions supports it.

Your "Organisational Issues" response:

The institution already has Brightspace implemented across the entire school; every program uses it. I honestly do not expect any changes in this aspect, and would be using the tools as they are. Brightspace does, however, allow for custom HTML. I would be curious to investigate its support of a web-based game activity with JavaScript...

Your "Networking" response:

The chosen technology does not allow for networking outside of the course, as it is designed specifically for the school. They can network with their peers through this, but can use it as a way to build networking skills (soft skills) to bring with them outside of the class. Hopefully, the digital communication and discussion skills translate for them.

Your Security and Privacy response:

All the information on Brightspace is protected both by them and by the school. I do have access to student names and emails, but it is their school email and no other PIF is shared. I have no concerns here.