The POC process has concluded – where to from here?

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Our workgroups have been testing the three LMS solutions – Blackboard, Brightspace and Canvas from 29th April 2024 until 14th June 2024. Additional support sessions for our workgroups, facilitated by the three vendors, commenced on the 17th of June 2024 and will conclude on the 28th June 2024. The New LMS project team would like to thank our vendors and workgroups for their tireless efforts over the past few weeks.

The workgroups are consolidating their feedback after testing the three LMS solutions. NWU students will be given the opportunity to test the three solutions in July 2024 and their feedback on the learning experience will be compiled too. The students' feedback will reflect experiences related to ease of use, overall user experience and system ability to support varied learning styles and needs. The results from the testing phases are expected to be finalized by mid-July. These findings will play a crucial role in the recommendation of a learning management system that will support NWU's teaching and learning objectives.

The final review and reports from the workgroups and student evaluations, will be incorporated into the consolidated report that the New LMS project team will compile. The consolidated report will also reflect the final recommendation regarding the preferred LMS solution, to the various

management structures of the NWU. The above-mentioned process is anticipated to conclude by November 2024. It is hoped that by this time, the new LMS solution is identified so that the next phase of the project can spring into action!

For latest updates regarding the new LMS project, please visit our website: https://services.nwu.ac.za/nwu-new-lms