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University Wide Notices

Here is a list of today's notices:

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To view our University Wide Notice (UWN) Procedures, please click [here](#).

Ferris Women's Network

The [Ferris Women's Network](#) (formerly the Women's Advocacy Forum) will be hosting elections for its elected board in April 2019. You must be a member in order to be nominated and placed on the ballot.

If you are not currently a member and would like to learn more about or join the Ferris Women's Network, please contact Jody Gardei at JodyGardei@ferris.edu or call 231-591-2112.

Our Purpose

The Ferris Women's Network is a diverse group of people dedicated to the advocacy and advancement of women.

We encourage:

- Strong support networks
- Mentoring opportunities
- Fulfillment of leadership potential
- Career and personal development
- Recognition of women's achievements

Jody Gardei

President

Ferris Women's Network

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[Canvas Demonstration & Pilot Survey will Close on Monday, March 18th](#)

LMS Review: Instructure Canvas demonstration videos are available to view

Instructure came to Ferris on January 24 and 25 to demonstrate Canvas. We had 49 people attend the demonstrations, either in person or online. Of the 49 attendees, we had 35 faculty, 2 students, 9 staff, and 3 remote attendees from other institutions. The LMS Review Committee is made up of 34 faculty members and 25 of them attended demonstrations.

If you were unable to attend the Canvas demonstration and want to provide feedback about the future of Blackboard Learn, you can **watch recordings of the demonstrations and complete the Feedback Survey** by clicking on the link below and scroll down to the Instructure: Canvas section. Please note that the Feedback Survey will be available until March 18th.

<https://ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/extendedinternational/elearning/lms/index.htm>

Blackboard will be here next to demonstrate Canvas on March 21st and 22nd. You can find the full LMS Review schedule on the link below. Please contact Jackie Hughes if you have questions. If you have any concerns, please contact Amy Green!

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Faculty: Attend the Learn Ultra Demonstrations

Blackboard: Learn Ultra Demonstration and Pilot

The eLearning Management Advisory Team (EMAT) has created a Learning Management System (LMS) Review Subcommittee that is made up of 34 faculty members. The subcommittee has scheduled three LMS demonstrations including D2L's Brightspace on 11/8/18 and 11/9/18, Instructure's Canvas on 1/24/19 and 1/25/19, and Blackboard's Learn Ultra on 3/21/19 and 3/22/19.

You can choose to attend one of the following Learn Ultra demonstrations. You can attend by going to FLITE 114 or by going online using the link associated with the time you are attending. You can use this [Review Guide](#) as a handy tool to help you track your thoughts about the demonstrations. You may need to refer back to your notes on this guide later in April when you take the final survey for your overall impression of all three systems.

For those of you who cannot attend, we will provide recording links of each demonstration. Faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend these sessions and will be given a survey link to provide feedback.

Thursday, March 21 – FLITE 114

- **9:00** - Learn Ultra demonstration (Online attendees: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/4509ae9a6a624ced87daa2466b7cb8db>)
 - 10:00 - Q&A
- **11:00** - Learn Ultra demonstration (Online attendees: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/4509ae9a6a624ced87daa2466b7cb8db>)
 - 12:00 - Q&A
- **12:30** - Meet with IT
- **2:00** - Learn Ultra demonstration (Online attendees: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/4509ae9a6a624ced87daa2466b7cb8db>)

- 3:00 - Q&A
- **4:00** - Learn Ultra demonstration (Online attendees: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/4509ae9a6a624ced87daa2466b7cb8db>)
- 5:00 - Q&A

Friday, March 22 – FLITE 114

- **9:00** - Learn Ultra demonstration (Online attendees: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/4509ae9a6a624ced87daa2466b7cb8db>)
- 10:00 - Q&A
- **11:00** - Learn Ultra demonstration (Online attendees: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/4509ae9a6a624ced87daa2466b7cb8db>)
- 12:00 - Q&A
- **12:30** - Meet with eLearning
- **2:00** - Learn Ultra demonstration (Online attendees: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/4509ae9a6a624ced87daa2466b7cb8db>)
- 3:00 - Q&A
- **4:00** - Learn Ultra demonstration (Online attendees: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/4509ae9a6a624ced87daa2466b7cb8db>)
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Michigan Paid Medical Leave Act (PMLA) Town Hall

Attend a Town Hall session on the new Michigan Paid Medical Leave Act (PMLA).
 The Town Hall will cover:

- What the required changes are
- Who will see a change
- When the changes will take effect

These sessions are open to all employees, but those who fall into one of the groups listed below will benefit the most from attending:

- Managers & Supervisors
- Time Keepers
- Full Time Temporary Employees
- Part Time Employees
- Student Supervisors

The Town Hall meetings are scheduled for the dates, times and locations listed below. We anticipate the meetings will only run about 30-40 minutes.

10:30am – 11:30am, March 20, 2019 - University Center, Room 203

3pm – 4pm, March 21, 2019 - Staff Center for Training & Development, Alumni Building, Room 121

1pm – 2pm, March 22, 2019 - Kendall (KCAD), 17 Fountain St. NW, Room 212

Following the last Town Hall a recorded version of the presentation will be available.

Register on the [Staff Center Events site](#) (Google Chrome works best). Email sctd@ferris.edu if you have trouble registering for a session.

Anyone with a disability who needs special accommodations to attend this event should call 231-591-2112 at least 72 hours in advance.



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