

# **Educational Technology at UC Irvine**

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#### Overview

- Learning Pavilion
- Canvas Transition
- Student Success
  - Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)
  - Student Analytics
- Educational Captioning
- Spotlight on Division of Teaching & Learning
- Other OIT-supported student & academic projects



# About the Learning Pavilion

- Builds on the success of the SE 101 innovative learning classroom
- Occupancy expected by Spring 2018
- 2-story building
  - 2 active learning lecture halls (250 seats, 400 seats)
- 3-story building
  - Multiple active learning classrooms (100 seat, 80 seat, 4x 60 seat, 5x 30 seat)
  - Office space and tutorial rooms for supplemental instruction programs
  - Mixing hall space to facilitate informal interactions between students
  - Collaboration spaces (lounges, breakout rooms, nodes)
- Will be a "green" building aiming for LEED Platinum certification

https://news.uci.edu/campus-life/student-population-growth-at-uci-spurs-construction-of-high-tech-classroom-facility/

# Canvas Transition

## Canvas Adoption

- UCI has adopted Instructure Canvas
  - ~74% of undergraduate students and ~25% of instructors are using EEE Canvas
  - Quarterly assessment results continue to be predominantly positive
- Multi-year transition effort includes:
  - Custom development (Canvas integration)
  - Rebuilding unique-to-UCI tools to stand-alone & integrate with Canvas, starting with instructor evaluations
  - Substantial campus input & feedback (panels, user testing, one-on-one meetings)
  - Multi-channel outreach (EEE website, Canvas transition site, campus-wide email, targeted outreach, presentations, postcard mailers)

# http://sites.uci.edu/canvas/

## Learning Technologies Advisory Group

#### About the advisory group

- Includes faculty, staff, along with ongoing invitation to ASUCI and AGS
- Sponsored by Vice Provost of Teaching & Learning, Michael Dennin & Associate Vice
  Chancellor/CIO Dana Roode and co-chaired by OIT and Division of Teaching & Learning

#### Goals

- Researches & discusses educational technology tools and related topics
- Identifies actionable next steps for unmet educational technology needs
- Connects appropriate parties with campus units
- Provides recommendations on higher level policy and areas for investment to the executive sponsors, in consultation with other committees

# http://sites.uci.edu/learningtechadvisory/

## Third-Party Tools & IC3

- IC3 Instructional Cloud Computing Committee
  - http://sites.uci.edu/cloud/
- Canvas integrations
  - iClicker: Clicker system for classrooms
  - Turnitin.com: Academic honesty platform
- Pilot Canvas integrations
  - Sapling: Used in large, introductory Chemistry courses
  - Quizlet: Available to full campus
  - YellowDig (community/forum tool): Negotiating agreement for campus-wide use
- Under review
  - o REEF
  - Publisher tools (Pearson, Cengage, W. W. Norton)

#### **EEE+ Evaluations Pilot**

- Rewrite of online evaluations applications for UCI
- Goal: create a modern, flexible evaluations system for use by instructors, either standalone or within the Canvas LMS
- Midterm evaluations (unofficial, self-diagnostic) component:
  - User testing: Winter Quarter 2017 (late January)
  - Pilot: Spring Quarter 2017 (April-June)
  - Campus-wide Launch: Fall Quarter 2017
- Official, final evaluations component:
  - Early-mid 2017: Research & analysis, meetings with campus users

# https://evaluations.eee.uci.edu/

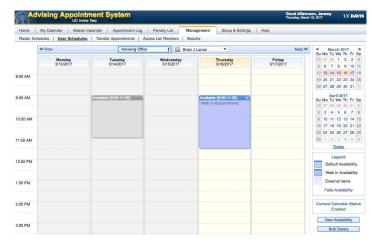
# Student Success: LCFF

# LCFF: Local Control Funding Formula

- DUE & OIT Collaboration
  - Worked together to submit a proposal to Office of the President
  - One-time funding for three projects to support low income, first generation, and/or minority students
- 3 LCFF funded projects
  - Provide data analytics to identify students most likely to need academic support
    - Making Canvas Data usable within Cognos for Compass reports
    - Making DUE data suable within Cognos for Compass reports
      - Starting on Academic Testing Center data associating placement test scores with enrollment and grades to check student progress and intervene as needed
  - Expand advising services to support student retention & success
    - Implementing DUE Appointments using the UC Davis "Appointments" application for the Division of Undergraduate Education

### LCFF: DUE Appointments

- LCFF funding for integration
- Addresses common DUE need
  - Currently handled ad-hoc, often using 3rd-party tools
- UC Davis created a robust homebuilt Appointments tool and offered a copy to UCI
- Pilot expected to begin Summer 2017 with three units within DUE
  - Following the pilot, Appointments will be available for all DUE units
  - Afterwards, campus-wide deployment may be explored





# Student Success: Student Analytics

**Compass**: Comprehensive Analytics for Student Success

## What is Compass?

- <u>Comp</u>rehensive <u>A</u>nalytics for <u>S</u>tudent <u>S</u>uccess: Compass
- New campus initiative focused on student success
- Multi-part project focusing on bringing student data into reporting tools
- Provide campus advisors, faculty, and students themselves with actionable information to improve student outcomes
- Initial phase Descriptive for Advisors: Currently building a set of Cognos reports for campus advisors to facilitate student data retrieval and analysis, leading to faster turnaround on key student support actions

# http://sites.uci.edu/compass/

# Who is using Compass? How are they using it?

#### Compass Advisors

- Available to all undergraduate academic advisors at UCI
- Used to identify specific student groups for outreach and intervention: "What are the email addresses of all my Computer Science majors who came to UCI as freshman, are currently juniors, and have a GPA below 2.5 but above 2.0?"
- Used to answer questions: "We want to create a new program for our first generation students. How many students in my school could benefit?"

#### Future phases

- Compass Predictive
  - Student success in courses
  - Enrollment projections
- Compass Instructors: Demographic information on their students, such as "43% took Math 2A"

#### **Data Sources**

#### Canvas Data

- Usage and other data from the campus LMS (Canvas)
- Daily imports of Canvas Data into a Cognos-accessible environments
- Reports will be developed based off this data

#### Division of Undergraduate Education Data

- Feeds from Campuswide Honors Program and Academic Testing Center to enhance current reports and form the basis of new reports
- Reports are already being developed based off this data

#### Office of Institutional Research Data

- Provides data packages containing directory information, data from the Registrar (enrollment, grades), and data from Admissions (test scores, UC Application info)
  - Planning to migrate to a direct data feed for more timely data from Registrar

# **Educational Captioning**

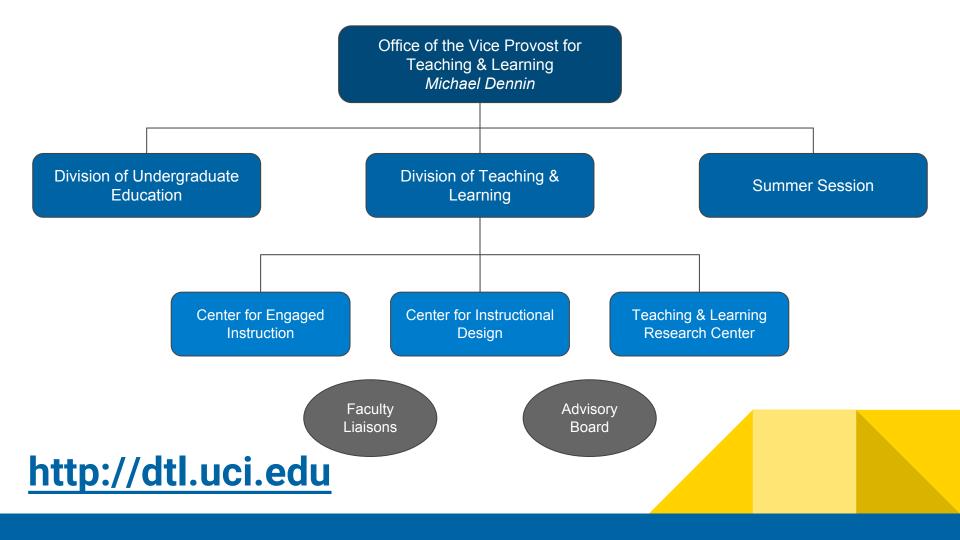
# **Educational Captioning**

#### Proposal to caption instructional video content

- Proposing phased approach to caption certain course as a step towards accessibility & compliance
  - Video content for 7 online courses with the highest enrollment
  - o **30 hours of video content** in courses identified by the Disability Services Center
  - 58 hours of UCI Replay video content used frequently in high enrollment classes
- OIT will be providing updated captioning guidance
- Proposing all paid campus video projects will include captioning services by default

# Division of Teaching & Learning

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# Center for Engaged Instruction (CEI)

Promotes and supports the use of evidence-based teaching practices across the institution, including faculty, lecturers, postdocs, and TA's

#### **Noteworthy Projects**

- Active Learning Institute (Summer 2017)
- Incremental Ally training for faculty
- Faculty and TA training to support Undergraduate Learning Assistants
  Program

# Center for Instructional Design (CID)

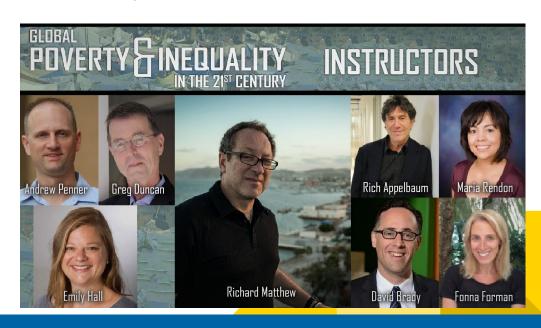
Provides guidance and support for the development of pedagogically effective online and hybrid courses

#### **Noteworthy Projects**

- New online masters programs
  - Legal and Forensic Psychology
  - Human-Computer Interaction and Design
- Global Poverty & Inequality: Cross-campus, cross-disciplinary online course
- Multiple new online courses for Summer 2017

# Global Poverty & Inequality Course using Zoom

- Featured mandatory weekly synchronous discussion sections as webinars
- Over 200 students participated in the weekly webinars
- A different guest instructor attended each week and answered student questions
- Used the Zoom web conferencing platform



# Teaching and Learning Research Center (TLRC)

Provides centralized support for research efforts in teaching and learning, particularly collaborative, large scale, cross-discipline and longitudinal projects

#### **Noteworthy Projects**

- Simplifying access to institutional data for faculty who want to measure student learning in their courses
- Implementing STEM undergraduate education grants (NSF California INCLUDES conference, AAU STEM Education Mini-grants)
- Encouraging institutional analysis of programs and teaching (is supplemental instruction working?, is ALEKS implemented effectively?, etc.)

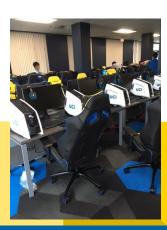
# Other OIT-supported student & academic focused projects

## **UCI eSports Arena**

- Collaboration involving Student Affairs IT
- Built a cutting edge gaming arena centered around UCI's eSports initiative
  - Arena can be adapted to classroom lab as needed for faculty or research
  - Deployed 80 high-end gaming workstations on a secured network where students can pay-to-play and athletes can practice
- Other equipment
  - Installed Visix channel players for digital signage throughout the arena
  - Shoutcasting station equipped to broadcast tournaments
  - Arena management application adapted for UCI with add'l functionality and security.

http://esports.uci.edu/





## Academic Applications for Biological Sciences

- Web application creation & maintenance for the Francisco J. Ayala School of Biological Sciences
- Primary applications include:
  - Excellence in Research Establishes milestones and deadlines for publishing student research work
  - Bio 199 Assists students creating proposal to enroll in Bio 199
  - Probation Reports Prepares student data for Academic Advising
  - Mentors Matches students with a community pool of mentors

# **Questions?**