Blue Evaluations eXplorance Webinar
February 25, 2013
1pm – 2pm 2201 KC

Presenter:
Samer Saab

Attendance: Deborah Herrington, Laurie Stickler, Joy Washburn, Kyle Felker, Scott Grissom, Kim Kenward, Heather Gulgin, Darren Walhof,

Guest: Bbadministrator (Katie Clark)

Blackboard partnerships University of Toronto, Hong Kong, Rio Salado College RMIT University

Can be hosted (most house internally)

Course Evaluations, mid- term reviews, program evaluations.

Integration with Banner, LDAP, Single Sign-on, Blackboard integration.

automated email invites and reminders, online access through website and portals, can also use paper, emails can be sent to those who have completed the evaluations. Fixed date or revolving evaluations and surveys.

Does have Mobile apps capabilities

Does allow for paper (scanning devices not need to be purchased).

Report formats include the following formats: (pdf, web, print, export, live sync)
Secure access

Requires basic web browsing (IE, Safari, Firefox, Chrome) , supports iPone, iPad, Android, Blackberry, Metro, Screen readers and other devices

Personalized email sent to students with a hyperlink to complete the survey (student sees number of evaluations on the same page and deadline of when they need to be completed by).

No limit on character size (for comments) unless set.

Team-taught courses can allow students to evaluate all instructors or selected instructors. Can be shown side-by-side or separate.

Faculty members can add their own questions (personalization).

Tab within Blackboard for Blue Center (for management of evaluation system)

*Can be completed customizable. The University determines the questions. Blue does not provide ANY questions.

Report includes:
Cover Sheet
Demographic Information (breakdown by gender)
Teacher Rating Score Analysis (departmental or comparison by instructor)

Administration of this product
School level (administrators). Department provides the personalization. Similar to our situation right now at GVSU.

1 time perpetual investment yearly maintenance (unlimited technical support)
Specific fee structure information was being sent to Christine Rener.

Ownership (wherever it resides)
Install internally (data never leaves)
eXplorance hosting (still our data) data resides on their servers

initial implementation (3-5 day package) support of staff ½ training
2-3 weeks year 1
Preparation to be done (integration with Banner/Blackboard)
Yearly upgrades (IT Resources 2-3 days)
Raw data available

*Bb Adminstrator concerns. The type of server (Microsoft Sequel server ISS) is not one that we use at GVSU. That version is 13 years old. We would need to find out the latest server types that they support.