



## About Learning Management System (LMS) Initiatives:

The goal of the Learning Management System (LMS) Initiatives is to develop a shared vision of LMS use within the CSU to support and promote campus LMS strategic planning and to provide a consistent communication network so that campus e-learning needs are adequately supported. There are currently four areas of emphasis: 1. Vendor management, 2. Integration, 3. Faculty support and 4. Open source.

Each campus has identified a representative to participate in the consultation and coordination of LMS Initiatives' activities. LMS Initiatives' communication framework enables the uploading of strategic planning tools and documents and enables timely updates and sharing of campus projects.

Additional resources include the evaluation of both learning management systems and learning management services including commercial and open source systems that the CSU is investigating as well as updates on current RFP processes and results.

"When I joined the administration of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), I was pleased to learn of the CSU LMS Initiatives in process. CSULB was engaged in an IT strategic planning effort and identified LMS issues (including ATI) as a priority concern. The thoroughness of the CSU LMS Initiatives process saved CSULB literally hundreds of hours of information gathering, review and analysis..."

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## Benefits of the LMS Initiatives:

- Leveraging the size and reputation of the CSU by managing the LMS vendor relationships for increased cost effectiveness, contracting, improving products and customer support services.
- Working to define and improve integration across the CSU with the LMS and other systems and products.
- Facilitating effective planning and collaboration across the CSU to reduce costs and efforts centered on testing, training and migration methodologies.
- Sharing CSU best practices and determining common needs to effectively leverage the LMS in the teaching and learning environments.
- Providing a web site of CSU LMS information, planning documents, rubrics, statistics and trends.

## To Learn More:

Visit the [LMS web site](#).