

Canvas Monthly Meeting - Minutes

Date and Time: Tuesday 9 February 2021, 11 am to 12 pm

Venue: Via Zoom <https://auckland.zoom.us/j/645526692>

Chair	Kevin Morris (Director of Learning and Teaching)
Presenters:	Kevin Morris, Gemma Sinclair, Chun Li, Craig Housley, Michelle Wong
Attendees:	Radhini J.A. Sabanayagam; Angel Talluri; Andrew Withy, Tony Chung, Ayumi Shino, Kevin Jia, Michael Hurst, Sue Tickner, Peter Bier, Rachelle Singleton, Aldon Hartley; Sarah Wang, Shubhangi Sharma, Jamie Denton, Bettina Schwenger, Louise Allan, Xiaowei Ding, Wen-Chen Hol, Craig Housley, Aisha Khan, Kathryn Siow, Bizza Zainab, Lynette Leong, Ann Simpson, Angela Tsai, Anna-Marie Simcock, Laura Allen, Jennifer Tham, Oriel Kelly, Nicola Paton, Nina Mamnani, Christine Whyte, Jo Hammer, Jo Batchelor; Martin Ma, Maribel Caballero, Caroline Aspden, Aruna Sundar, Susanne Gomes, Amanda Harper, Andy Fey, Hazim Namik, Una Lightfoot, Brianna Wang, Russell Barron, Nadia Huertas Lopez, Sushila Pinto, Elle Sun-Min Park; Sumia Quazi, Nigel Gearing

Agenda items	Comments
2021 Policy changes - Kevin	<p>Based on the vote last year, we will continue meet monthly on Zoom this year.</p> <p>We are working on some policy settings would give us more certainty if there were level changes. Announcement is probably in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Q. Re policy decisions: would it be possible to ensure staff are notified ahead of announcements to students/AUSA? It was unsettling having students email us with questions when we weren't aware of changes/updates.</p> <p>A. That's one of the aspects that we want to improve this year. There is always balance between sending a university wide email versus through the faculties and that delay in timing. There's been a preference to send it through the faculties. So they can be contextualized. But that has a trade off in terms of time. So that's something we do want to work on and ensure that staff get first notice of any changes in policy.</p>

<p>Offshore students - Gemma</p>	<p>We are continuing with the offshore remote student sections in 2021. Section prefixes are OO, NF, SW, NJ and NO. We also have NZ section which is domestic students who have been medically approved by the Faculty to learn remotely. Application form for remote learning is available for students under COVID-19 updates for students.</p> <p>A reminder: If students are changing their location (e.g. returning to NZ or moving overseas), staff should notify recordsmaintenance@auckland.ac.nz</p> <p>There are also great resources for managing remote students (See details in Gemma's PPT slides).</p> <p>Remote sections (e.g. OO, NO, NF, SW, NJ and NZ) do not have automatic access to lecture recordings. The primary lecture stream should be shared to courses. The publishing delay for lecture recordings will be reduced from 72 hours to 24 hours for all courses.</p>
<p>Inspira - Michelle Wong</p>	<p>Inspira is a specialised software around assessments and exams, we have been piloting for a couple of years. We had 16 courses used it in summer school for exams.</p> <p>Please see details from Michelle's PowerPoint slides.</p> <p>Q. How was the experience of Offshore students in Inspira?</p> <p>A. Both onshore and offshore students had positive experience of using Inpera. Markers and examiner also found it's easy to use. We highly recommend courses with offshore student to consider using Inpera.</p>
<p>Remote Learning Site - Craig Housley / Sue Tickner</p>	<p>The Remote Learning website (https://remotelearning.auckland.ac.nz/) was developed as rapidly from moving to online delivery of teaching and assessments, and it's still being updated through 2021.</p> <p>The "<u>Prepare for 2021</u>" is the latest information the team has put together. Sue Tickner is the lead on this project. There is lot of information about how to move to mixed mode teaching.</p> <p>The <u>Talis reading lists</u> page introduces some information on making the best use of Talis. This is to support the Library and Learning Services on how to use Talis and includes further info on the pedagogical aspects.</p> <p>And finally, the <u>Upcoming drop-in sessions page</u> lists the information around the online sessions we have in Feb.</p> <p>We are collating experience of teaching mixed mode. We will get them back through CDMs in faculties about a couple of drop-in sessions.</p>
<p>Piazza / Discussions - Gemma / Chun</p>	<p>On 23 December Piazza announced that they would not implement an ad-supported model for 2021. Instead, the free version will include a donation request prompt for all users.</p>

	<p>It's important to communicate to students that they are under no obligation to donate and there is no change to their experience if they donate or not.</p> <p>There is a working group (Damon Ellis is leading) looking at discussions in general (and evaluating Piazza). We are going to continue with the current version for now. The University will make a decision around August when Piazza starts to remove some non-critical functionalities.</p>
Canvas new release, (e.g. Treat ungraded as 0) - Chun	<p>"Treat ungraded as 0" is coming back in February.</p> <p>LaTeX can be entered in RCE or any text fields.</p> <p>HTML editor is enhanced.</p> <p>Student view option will be available on all pages.</p> <p>A reminder: please publish your Canvas courses two weeks before semester starts.</p>