

Faculty Colleagues,

On September 30, we were informed by Anthology, the parent company of Blackboard, that they filed for voluntary protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. It is their current plan to remain operational during their restructuring, where they plan to sell all their functions which are not related to their teaching and learning products (i.e. Blackboard). While we anticipate no issues prior to our official switch to Brightspace for all summer of 2026 courses and beyond, bankruptcy proceedings and their effect on the company and their people are not fully predictable. We wanted to share this information for transparency.

On the positive side, we have Brightspace. All faculty can log into brightspace.villanova.edu now and see their Blackboard-transferred materials for the past two years (which will require some work to improve and make operational). Current and future Blackboard courses will also be migrated after each semester. You can launch sandboxes (empty courses) in Brightspace to start building your future courses and learn how to use all the great functionality. You can enter the “Faculty Hub” in Brightspace, which contains all of our asynchronous training materials. We also have many live [workshops](#) occurring to help you learn our new and improved LMS.

We have limited capacity to move additional spring courses into Brightspace early. If you have already begun building your new Brightspace courses and have a desire to teach in the Brightspace LMS in the spring, please reply to this email with your courses (and sections) and we will explore what may be possible. Of course, we will monitor the Blackboard proceedings and share any significant updates.

Good luck with midterm grading and I hope everyone is looking forward to fall break. Any questions can be addressed to [Ankit Desai](#), Director Learning Technologies, UTS.

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