

## **Digital Experience Board (DXB) – Informational Report to Faculty Senate**

**Meeting Date:** March 5, 2026

**Faculty Senate Representative:** David Rouffet

### **Overview**

The Digital Experience Board reconvened after a pause in meetings while efforts were focused on advancing large-scale website migration work. The board is intended to support governance and coordination related to the university's web ecosystem as the Web Improvement Project transitions toward a longer-term Digital Experience Platform structure.

The meeting included updates on project status, compliance considerations, governance topics, and platform development priorities.

### **Project Status and Current Priorities**

The Web Improvement Project, initiated over five years ago, is focused on migrating university websites from the legacy Plone system to a centralized Drupal platform. Approximately 450 Plone sites were originally in place across the university. Migration is nearing completion, with 8 Drupal site launches remaining.

### **Current Institutional Digital Priorities**

**The web team is currently addressing multiple concurrent priorities, including:**

- Completion of Drupal migration
- ADA / Title II accessibility compliance, with an April 2026 target associated with compliance-related milestones
- Feature development (e.g., program pages, directories, events)
- Requests for unit-level customizations
- Infrastructure improvements and bug resolution
- Privacy and security-related considerations
- Platform integrations (e.g., chatbot, program pages)

Additional priorities include directory-related customizations and continued development of program page infrastructure.

## **Compliance and Regulatory Updates**

Accessibility and compliance were identified as key institutional priorities. The university is using tools such as Siteimprove to support monitoring efforts. Units are expected to play a role in ongoing accessibility review and remediation.

The board may serve as a channel for communicating compliance-related expectations and updates across campus.

## **Platform and Infrastructure Updates**

- Planned review of training materials, documentation, and related resources (approximately one-year post-launch)
- Continued development and refinement of the Drupal platform
- Ongoing discussions regarding integration between program pages and the Program Finder, including potential technical constraints depending on page structure

## **Governance Updates**

As migration activities conclude, the focus is expected to shift more fully toward coordination of ongoing platform governance through the board:

- Current vacancies (e.g., Technology Committee Chair, SGA representative)
- Potential appointment of interim (pro tem) committee leadership
- Existing governance expectations (e.g., open membership, open meetings, attendance tracking)
- A proposal to shift the board's election timeline from Q1 to Q3 to support broader participation

## **New Business**

- Confirmation of the current program page approach and centralized web communication resources
- Acknowledgment of the need for post-launch training (timeline to be determined)
- Formation of a campus map workgroup
  - Co-led by Admissions (additional partners to be determined)
  - Target timeline discussed: April 2027

## **Next Meeting**

- The board is expected to reconvene on April 16.
- Upcoming discussions will include governance processes and election procedures