Blackboard’s New Features
for Spring 2013

On Wednesday, December 19, 2012,
SE Blackboard will be upgraded to SP8 (Service Pack 8)

This presentation highlights the major changes.

For additional information, please reference Faculty Support link,
located on the Bb login page, where you will find numerous
video tutorials for SP8 (Service Pack 8).
The New Login Page

Internships.com is the largest marketplace for internships, part-time jobs, and entry-level positions for students. A search box for internships and job searches has been added to the My SE page. This module can be collapsed or moved, but it cannot be removed. **Note:** Students will need to follow the instructions for registering at internships.com in order to utilize this free service.
My Career Tab – For Students

Students can click on the My Career tab for access to available internships.com resources in one place, including a Career Predictor and a Resumé Builder.

Internships.com Video Tutorial
http://tinyurl.com/ay2wgze

Course-Unavailable Notice at Top of Course Home Page
Course-to-Course Navigation

Allows you to jump from one course to another, retaining the context of the page so you can perform the same task across multiple courses.

Course Menu

The handles and drop-down menus are easily activated by hovering with mouse.

Before

After
Expand and Collapse a Page

The tab to expand and/or collapse a page is now a “hover” button. When you hover over the bar, it gets brighter, and you can click it.

Expand

Collapse

Course Themes (Optional)

A green button now appears when in the Edit mode.
Quick Set-up Guide for Course Structures

In SP8, you can select a different course structure to compliment the default Course Menu items and content in your course and easily apply a theme.

Course Structure
Modify questions after students access a test – FINALLY!

Now you can fix problematic test questions by directly editing at any time! Blackboard recalculates the score of all submitted assessments that included the updated question, reflects the updates in the Grade Center, and provides notification to the instructor and optionally to the student for all impacted submissions. You can change an answer, drop, give full credit, or change point value at any time.

Negative Marking

Negative marking allows instructors to apply negative point values for wrong answers on test questions. This allows them to prevent (by penalty) guessing or the selection of egregiously wrong answers.
Copying & Pasting From MS Word

In SP8, the original formatting is preserved when you paste from MS Word.

1. Copy your text to be pasted.
2. In the textbox editor, click on the toolbar icon with a blue and white background and select **Paste from Word**.

3. Click the icon in the upper-left corner to paste your text and then click **Submit**.
Improved Student Activity Reporting

The Course Activity Overview Report
• Displays overall activity within a single course, sorted by student and date. Data includes the total and average time spent per user and the total amount of activity the user had in the course.

Student Overview for a Single Course
• Displays an individual student's activity within a course, sorted by date. Data includes the total overall time the student spent in the course, as well as detailed information about the student's activity, such as which items and Content Areas the student accessed and the time spent on each. Wahoo!