Standard iSites Migration

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iSites is retiring in the summer of 2016

- **Teaching and Learning Technologies**, a Harvard IT strategic initiative, is offering **Canvas**, a learning management system, as an alternative for **Course iSites**.

- Academic Technologies Services is managing the transition of **Standard iSites** to a number of Harvard supported web platforms.

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Alternative Platforms

• **Harvard Web Publishing** – powered by Open Scholar, available to anyone with a Harvard ID.

• **Harvard Wikis** – powered by Confluence, available to anyone with a Harvard ID.

• **Blogs at Harvard** – powered by Wordpress, available to anyone with a Harvard ID.

• **Harvard SharePoint** – powered by Microsoft, available to Microsoft 365 users.

• **Harvard Google Sites** – powered by Google, available to FAS, GSAS, DCE, and Summer School.

• **Harvard Qualtrics** – powered by Qualtrics, available to anyone with a Harvard ID except HMS, Dental, and HBS.
Estimated Scope

There are 5229 Standard iSites on the platform:

– About 28% have not been accessed for 15 months.

– Of the remaining 72% with activity, nearly 46% have averaged 5 or less visits a month.

– Therefore, we estimate there are 2034 active Standard iSites on the platform.

We will be able to confirm these numbers as we go forward.
Approach

• Build a website that summarizes and compares available solutions.

• Create a communication plan that includes face-to-face meetings, presentations and a newsletter.

• Define a Charter that clearly states goals, objectives, user requirements and success metrics.

• Establish governance with a Steering Committee who will help resolve issues and assess risk factors.
Process

• Meet with IT support and iSite owners to define requirements, resources and timelines.

• Identify candidates from CA and FAS for proof of concept pilots.

• Identify gaps in features and functionalities.

• Promote enhancements that will fill those gaps.

• Provide consulting and support for migrating sites to the appropriate platforms.
Resources

• Senior Product Manager

• Migration Specialist

• Partners and colleagues from HUIT, Schools and Central Admin