

**Date:** Thu, 09 Mar 2006 19:21:37 -0500  
**From:** Charles Hedrick <hedrick@rutgers.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: cms hot-points/comparison?  
**To:** will trillich <will@serensoft.com>  
**Cc:** Sakai <sakai-user@collab.sakaiproject.org>

Rutgers is considering this ourselves. There are several reasons to consider Sakai:

- \* I consider the system easier to use than any of the commercial alternatives I've seen. So do at least some of our faculty.
- \* I am concerned with the long-term implications of using vendor software
- \* I like the fact that national research efforts seem to be using Sakai.

However there is also a cost. At the moment the costs are

- \* missing features
- \* reliability

It's not yet clear whether these costs are high enough to move us to a commercial system. Certainly Sakai has to fix the reliability problems. We can live with some level of fewer features, but at a point the difference will become too much. I believe we have 1- 2 years to resolve these problems.

will trillich wrote:

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> looks like sakai is pretty cool and powerful -- but at first blush
> blackboard looks exceedingly adequate as well.
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> what about blackboard is so dreadful as to inspire
> - $6.6m investment in a new product to replace it
> - karaoke parodies of 'i will survive' :)
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> i've found some terse opinions online but no actual 'this is what
> blackboard does so awfully that we knew we could do better'.
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> i'm just looking for the 'hot points' so when prospects ask us about
> the differences, i can point them out. :)
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> will trillich
> "Their iz ate errors in these sentance."
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> This automatic notification message was sent by Sakai Collab
> (http://collab.sakaiproject.org/portal) from the DG: User site.
> You can modify how you receive notifications at My Workspace > Preferences.
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Attachments:

smime.p7s

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