Blackboard
Q4 2017 Update

Q4 2017 Update – Faculty

On August 11, 2018, Towson University’s Blackboard system will be updated to Q4 2017. While the look and feel will not change after this update, there are several new features available to both faculty and students.

New Features for Faculty

Discussion Board – Replies to Me

If you have posted to a Discussion Board in a course, now when you go back into that Discussion Board, you’ll now see a “Replies to Me” column. This will show the number of replies to your post. When you click on it, you will be shown those replies without having to hunt for them.

![Figure 1: Replies to Me](image)

Grade Center Cleanup

Now, under Column Organization in the Grade Center, you can bulk delete columns. Columns that are linked to interactive features on Blackboard (i.e. Assignments, Tests, etc.) cannot be deleted; however, this feature will clear all attempts for these columns. Columns that are manually created will be deleted when using this feature. Please note, the columns that are provided by Blackboard with student information (i.e. student names, ID numbers, etc.) are unable to be deleted. If a column or the attempts within a column are deleted, they are unable to be recovered.

![Figure 2: Grade Center Cleanup](image)

Collaborate Ultra as a Group Tool

Collaborate Ultra is now available as a Tool when creating Groups. You have the option to allow groups to use Collaborate Ultra as a tool, as well as either permit or restrict access to record their Collaborate Ultra sessions.

![Figure 3: Collaborate Ultra Options](image)
Chemistry Notation added to Math Editor

The Math Editor Textbox now has an added feature. You are now able to add elements from the periodic table of elements to your formulas or equations.

Figure 4