

# Update to the Faculty Senate Educational Policy and Technology

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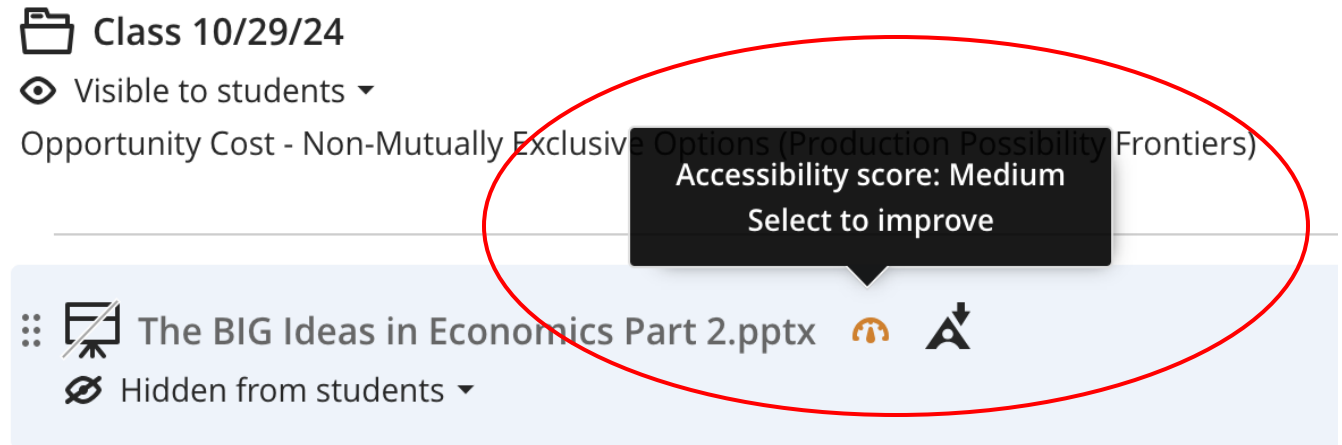
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# Pilot Blackboard Ally for Spring 2025

- Originated from a May 2024 presentation to EPT by Student Government Association and the Disabled Students' Collective.
- When turned “on” in Blackboard, Ally rates uploaded documents based on accessibility for all students:

- red (inaccessible)
- orange (somewhat accessible)
- green (fully accessible)



- Clicking on the Blackboard Ally icon will allow faculty to see the steps needed to make their document accessible.
- The pilot will allow Blackboard administration to collect data on any problems with usage and determine whether Ally should be permanently turned on beginning Fall 2025.

# EPT Strategic Planning Subcommittee recommendations

- (1) Establish six-year graduation goal of 90%; identify year to reach that goal (e.g., by 2034).
- (2) Establish clear, nearer-term benchmark goals for first-to-second and first-to-third year retention (e.g., 95% and 92% respectively) to chart progress toward 90% six-year graduation rate goal.
- (3) Evaluate and prioritize new initiatives using these graduation and retention rate metrics.