

### Problem

- WPI needs a more user-friendly learning management system (LMS)
- Students and faculty do not use Blackboard to its full potential

### Solution

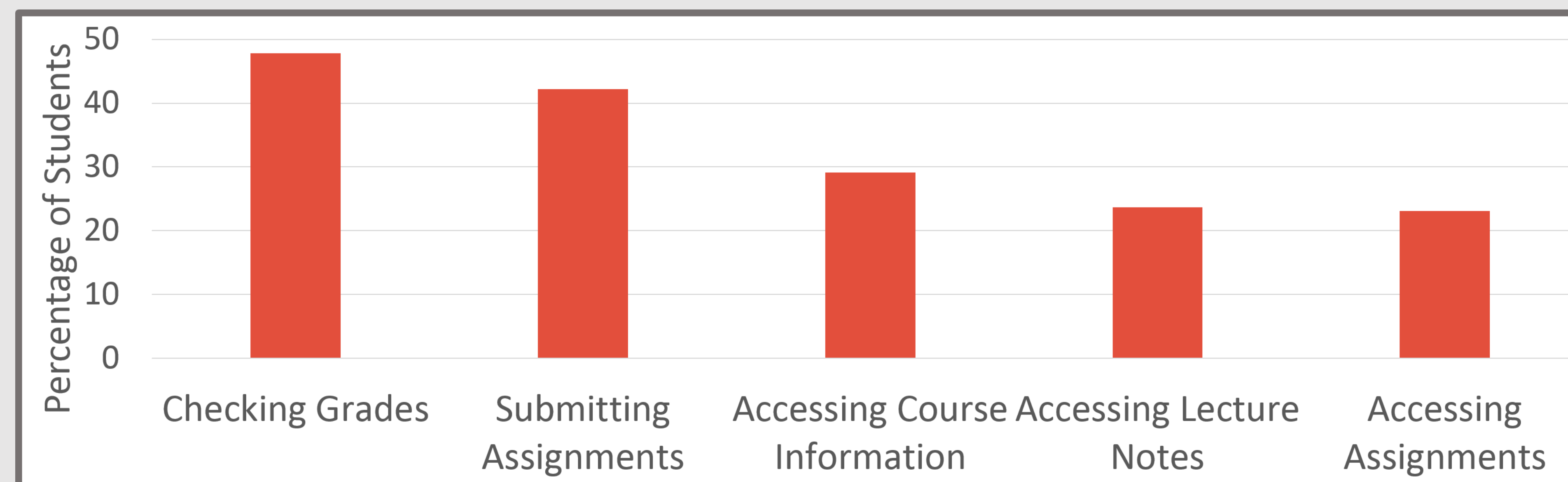
- WPI should replace Blackboard with Canvas
- Follow a two year plan for implementation

### Decision Methodology

- Research
- WPI LMS Criteria
  - LTI Integration
  - Banner Integration
  - Cloud-Based
- Student Surveys
- Student Trials
- Outside Reports
  - Feedback from universities using Canvas

### Functions that Need Most Improvement

According to a Survey of WPI Undergraduates

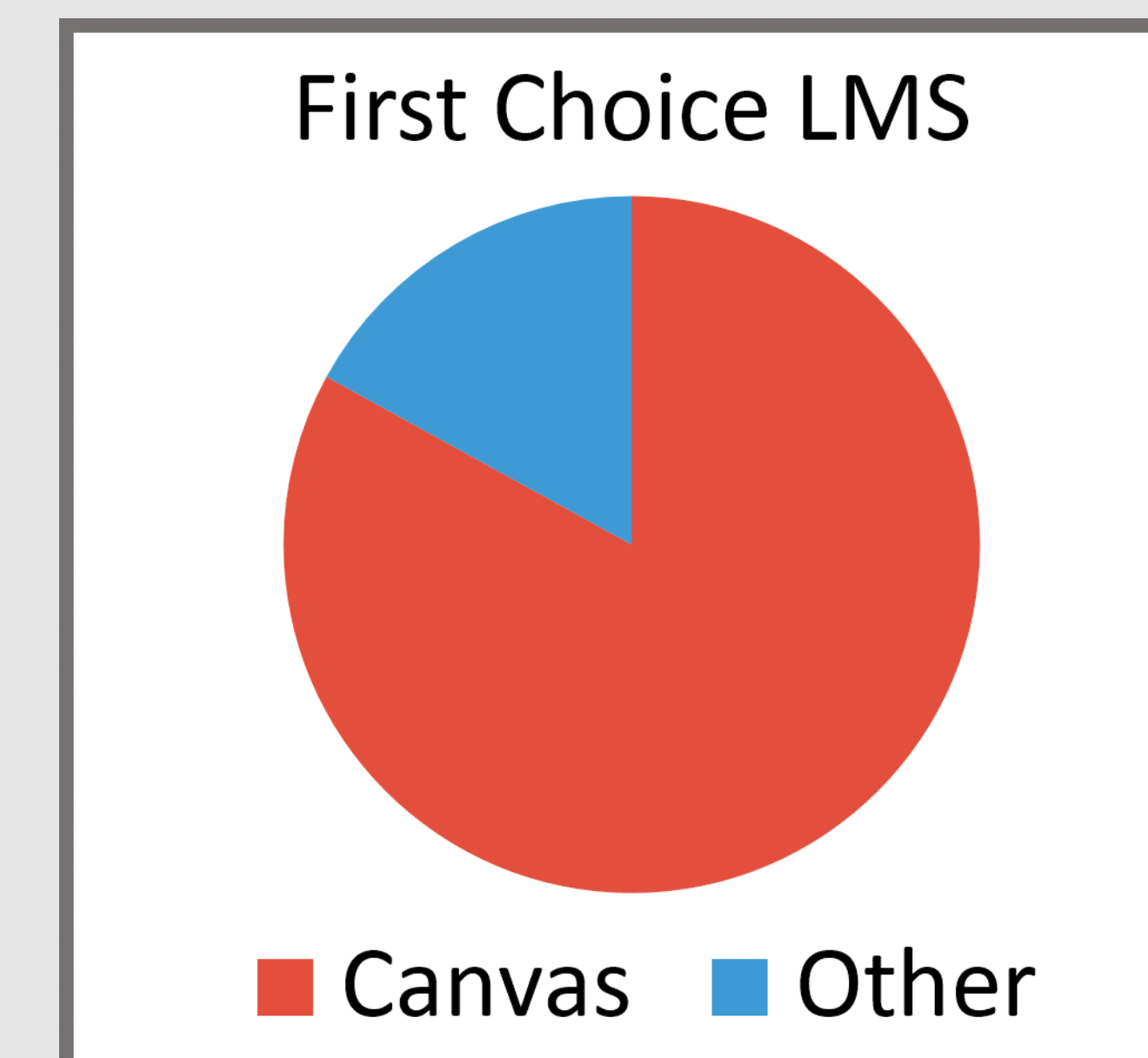


*“Navigation was extremely easy in Canvas. Everything was straightforward and easy to find ... simple to use, and fairly intuitive.”*  
Sophomore - WPI

### Benefits of Canvas

- Long-Term Solution
- Simple Transition
- Meets all WPI criteria
- Cloud Based System
- User-Friendly GUI

### Student Trial Results



*“We initially had students ‘test drive’ Canvas when we were still investigating what LMS we should change to and by and large they chose Canvas.”*  
Ed Casey – Brown University

### Timeline for Canvas Implementation

Summer 2016

- Transfer Fall 2016 courses to Canvas
- LTI Integration

Fall 2016

- Transfer Spring 2017 courses to Canvas

Spring 2017

- Fully implement Canvas

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