Dear Faculty,

I am writing to inform you that the UAlbany Ensemble Video service will be discontinued on August 31, 2022. Ensemble was acquired by Panopto, which will replace Ensemble as our video management and streaming service following the conclusion of the campus procurement process. ITS is working on a rapid timetable to ensure continuity of this service prior to the beginning of fall classes. Instructors can continue to use Ensemble Video until further notice and an exact utilization cutoff date will be communicated in advance.

While ITS is working through numerous implementation details for Panopto, key dates for some activities are still in planning. This message is the first of several communications intended to keep you abreast of this change and its impact on your video content. Further details about the implementation activities and timeline will be shared with you as they are finalized.

At this time, I can provide the following key points about the transition.

- All video content currently stored in Ensemble Video will be automatically migrated to the new Panopto system prior to Ensemble's discontinuation (no action is required by faculty at this time).

- Links to Ensemble Video files currently in Blackboard courses and other public web pages will be re-directed automatically to the new location of the file in Panopto. Instructors don’t need to update existing Ensemble links in Blackboard.

- Information about instructor access to Panopto and resources for learning the system will be shared in the coming weeks.

[Announcing Panopto](https://askIT) is available on askIT, providing introductory information about Panopto and links to getting started tutorials. This page will be updated as
implementation activities become more detailed.

Thank you for your attention to this important activity. If you have any questions, please email us at askIT@albany.edu.

Sincerely,

-Chris

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