Video Conferencing and Video Assessment Tool Comparison

VoiceThread (VT)

Video assessment

PlayPosit

Video assessment

YouSeeU (YSU)

Video assessment

BigBlueButton

(Conference)

Zoom

Video conferencing

General								
Account	One license can hosts up to 200 students	All course members	60 mins of recording 200 threads + 500 slides		*NOTE: YSU is no longer contracted with CSU			
Storage	Cloud storage; Recording could be saved to local	Within Canvas	Cloud storage					
LMS Integration	External link	Within Canvas	External tool - (no second log-in needed in Canvas)	External tool	External tool			
Accessibility			Web-based Universal (Accessibility needed – Screen Reader) Mobile					
Tech Support	Provided by Zoom	Canvas support	Provided by VT	Provided by PlayPosit	Provided by YSU			
FERPA Compliant	N/A	N/A	Y	Y	N/A (or not indicated on YSU website)			
Data Retention	Zoom collects and retains Personal Data and other information you upload, provide, or create while using the Service ("User-Generated Information")	Recording made through BigBlueButton in Canvas will be kept for 14 days in Canvas for access	VoiceThread does not delete any accounts, enrollment data, or content except by the account owner's or license administrator's request.	N/A (or not indicated on PlayPosit website)	Data stored with third party provides			

Content Ownership	https://zoom.us/terms)	N/A	Account owner https://wp.voicethread.c om/howto/	https://playposit.us ervoice.com/tos	https://www.youseeu.c om/privacy-policy/			
Function								
Edit	N/A	N/A	Create, edit, delete, copy video thread;	Allows questions insertion into videos				
Closed Caption	N/A	N/A	3PlayMedia Service Connection		N/A			
Accepted Media	Screen-sharing	Screen-sharing	PPT, PDF, images, videos, audios, or a combination	Video	Video, Audio			
Recording	Only host can record	Only instructor can record/initiate conference	Allows recording while video playing	N/A	Activity can be recorded			
Download/	Recording is downloadable; and can	Recording is within a Canvas course and	Video thread is sharable					
Share	be saved to local drive (.mp4)	lasts for 14 days						
Activity								
Asynchronous (A) or Synchronous (S)	S	S	A (or using scripts to create a sense of S)	A	A & S			
Group Activity	Allows breakout rooms with schedule ahead	Allows selection of course members in participation of a conference	Allows group video threads activity	N/A	Allows group activity			
Submission	N/A	N/A	Submission/Resubmission allowed	Submission needed to continue videos	Submission allowed			

Assessment/ Feedback/ Comment	Instant feedback whiling conferencing	Instant feedback while conferencing	Allows comments and annotation within a thread; Numbers of comments can be required; Comments can be made at a certain part of the video; Comments can have limited availability (between students and instructors)		Instant feedback within synchronous activity; Comments can be added to a submission
Grading	N/A	N/A	Gradebook integration (0-100 percentage)		Gradebook integration
Playback	N/A	N/A	Allowed		N/A
Connection with Students	N/A	N/A	Notification will be sent to students	N/A	N/A