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Rapid Prototyping of Proposed New Features

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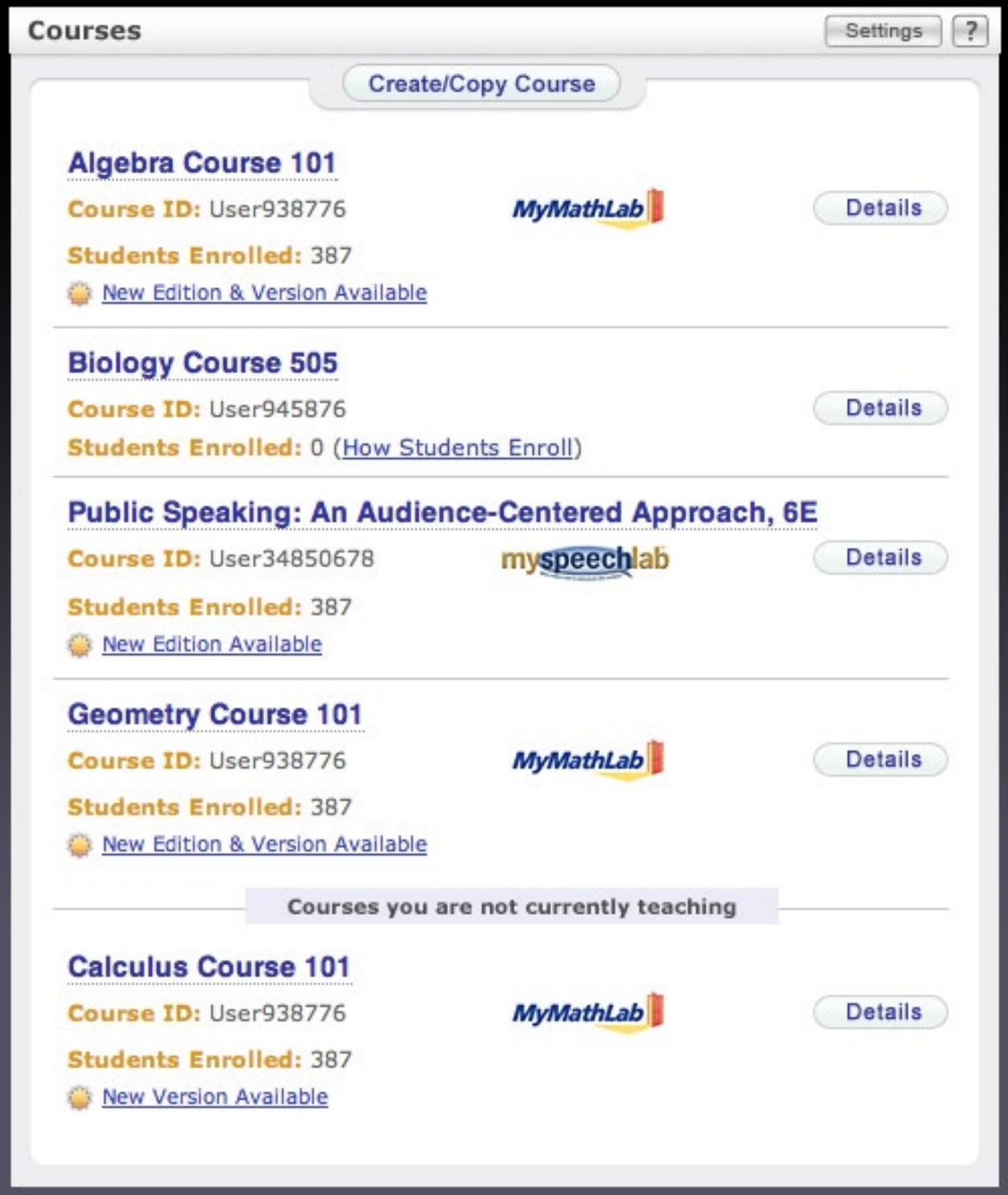
MyCourse List: Homepage Portlet View

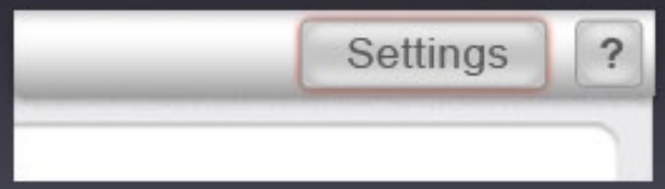


Objective:

1) the ability to order your courses within a list and
2) the ability to create categories of courses.

Solution:

Add a Settings button in the titlebar of the Courses portlet. Clicking the button would bring the user to a focus view containing an interface to allow the user to drag and drop course titles and the ability to create custom headers. The ability to show/hide courses could also be available.



Questions/Comments:

1. How do we communicate to the user that these new features are accessible from the **Settings** button.

MyCourse List: Settings Page Overview

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Welcome, First Last Name (not you?) My Account Help

Course List Settings

CourseCompass > Course List Settings

Create New Header Save Changes

Course Title	Show	Move
Courses you are teaching	☐	🔒
Algebra Course 101	☑	✥
Biology Course 505	☑	✥
Public Speaking: An Audience-Centered Approach, 6E	☑	✥
Geometry Course 101	☑	✥
Algebra Course 505	☐	✥
Biology Course 505	☐	✥
Courses you are not currently teaching	☑	🔒
Calculus Course 101	☑	✥

Save Changes

Overview:

The above interface is an early prototype of the kinds of features the user would see after having clicked the "Settings" button.

MyCourse List: Settings Page Features

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Course List Settings

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Create New Header (1) — Save Changes (2)

Course Title	Show	Move
(3) Courses you are teaching	☐	🔒
(4) Algebra Course 101	(5) ☑	✥
Biology Course 505	☑	(6) ✥
Public Speaking: An Audience-Centered Approach, 6E	☑	✥
Geometry Course 101	☑	✥
Algebra Course 505 (8)	☐	✥
Biology Course 505	☐	✥
(3) Courses you are not currently teaching	☑	(7) 🔒
Calculus Course 101	☑	✥

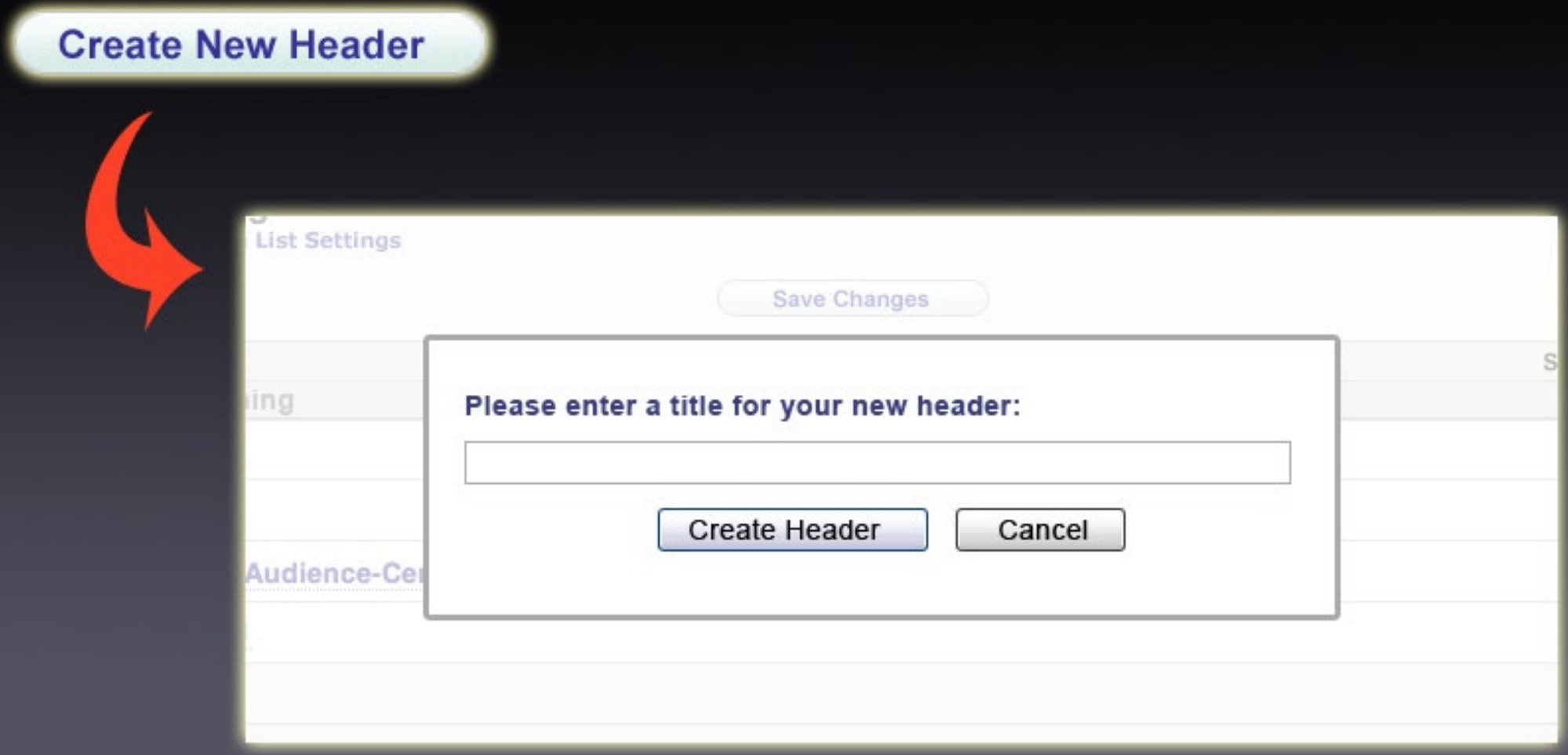
Save Changes (2)

1. Create New Header Button - allows user to create custom headers.
2. Save Changes Button - Saves all changes made on Setting page and returns user to CourseCompass homepage.
3. Existing Section Headers - these exist today in Courses portlet. The user would not be able to rename or move these.
4. Course Title - Behavior is identical to that in the Courses portlet except course would open in new browser window.
5. Show/Hide Links - allows user the choice to display or not to display a particular course in the courses portlet.
6. Drag n' Drop Icon - allows user to drag course titles up and down through the list. The order set here will mirror in the courses portlet.
7. Lock Icon - this icon appears when an item is not draggable.
8. Sun Icon - to notify user of new edition/version if a course has been hidden from the course list.

MyCourse List: Create New Header

Step 1 of 3:

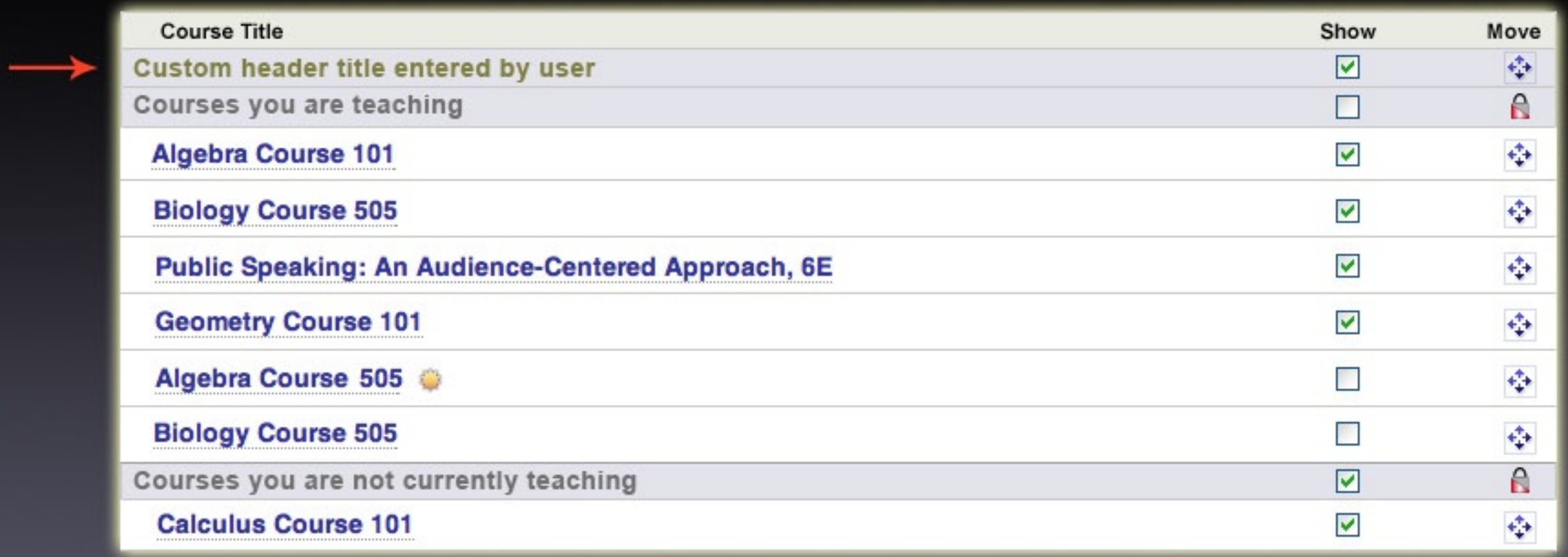
The Create New Header button allows the user to create a custom header they can use to help them organize their courses portlet. Clicking the button would bring up a form element using lightbox and prompt the user to enter a title.



MyCourse List: Create New Header

Step 2 of 3:

The custom header created by the user will be inserted into the course list just above the "Courses you are teaching" header.



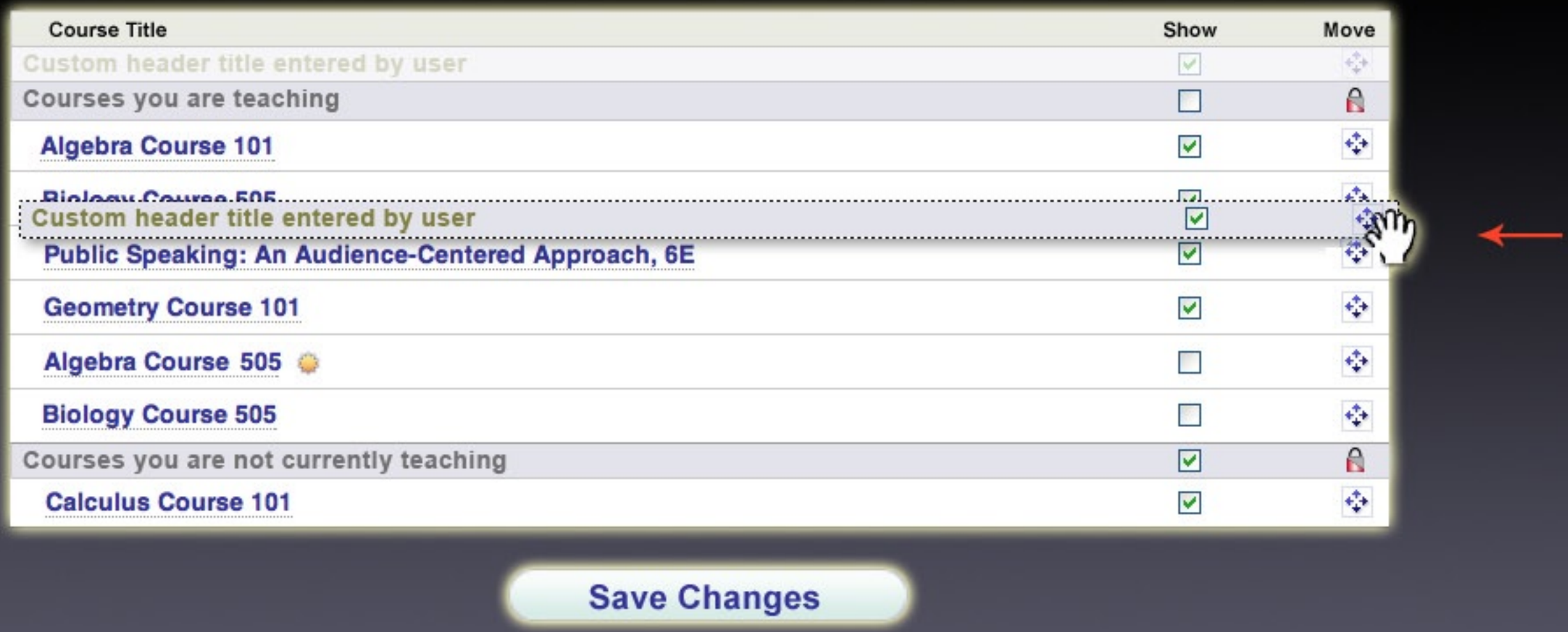
Questions/Comments:

1. "***Courses you are teaching***" is by default the first header, and is in the hidden state.
2. The icon prevents the user from dragging that header or course title.

MyCourse List: Create New Header

Step 3 of 3:

User drags custom header to location of their choice, then clicks the "Save Changes" button.



Questions/Comments:

1. Custom headers ***can*** be dragged into the "Courses you are not currently ***teaching***" area.
2. Custom headers ***can*** be dragged into the "Courses you are ***taking***" area.
3. Custom header text can be edited by clicking on the text itself (see Multiple Communities Admin Interface).
4. All changes made on the ***Course List Settings*** page must reflect on the ***View All Course Details Pages***.

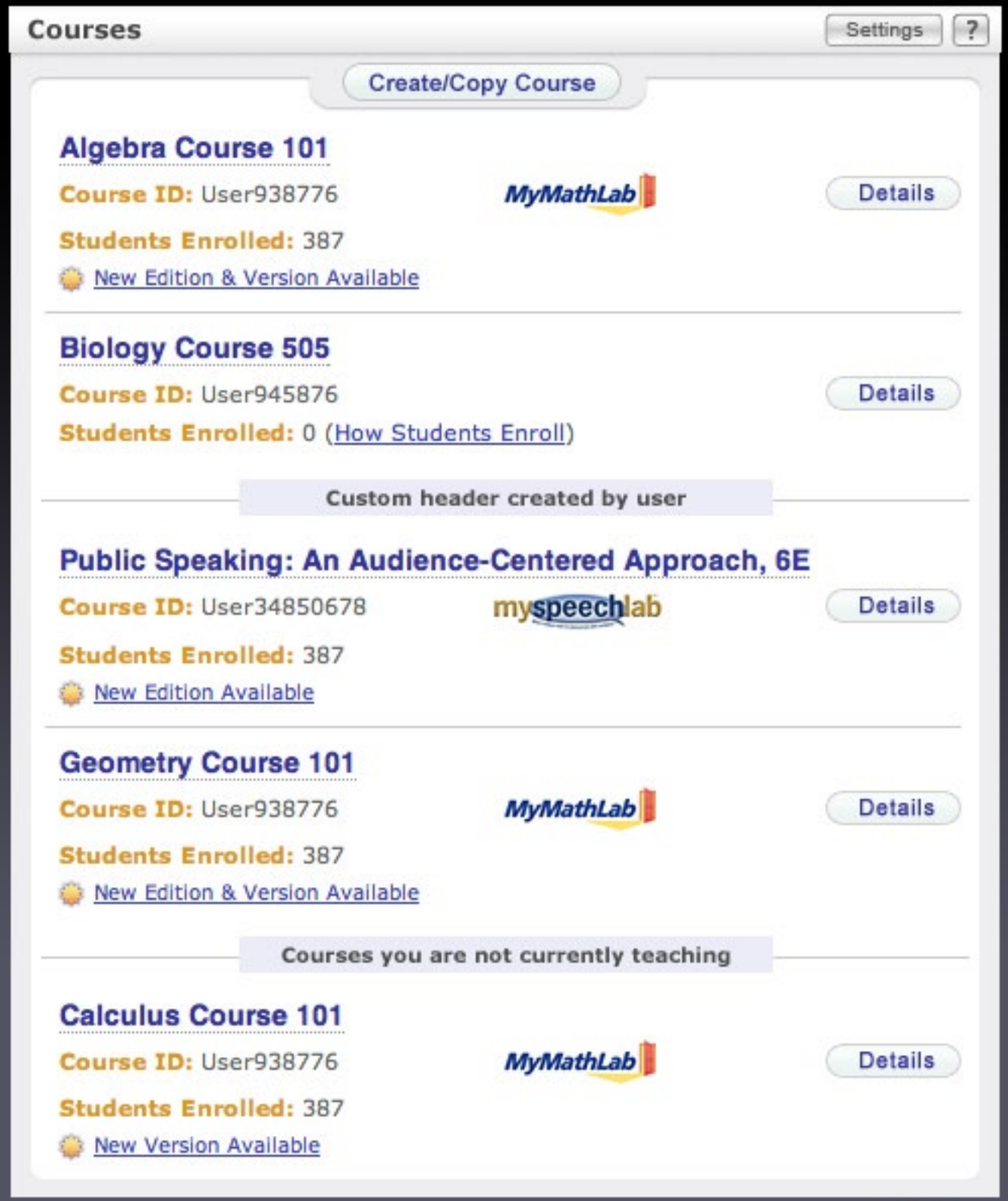
MyCourse List: Create New Header

New Header Appears In Courses Portlet:

User's custom header now appears in the course list.

Any changes made on the Course List Settings page would also be reflected on the Course Details Pages if the user selects *All Courses*.

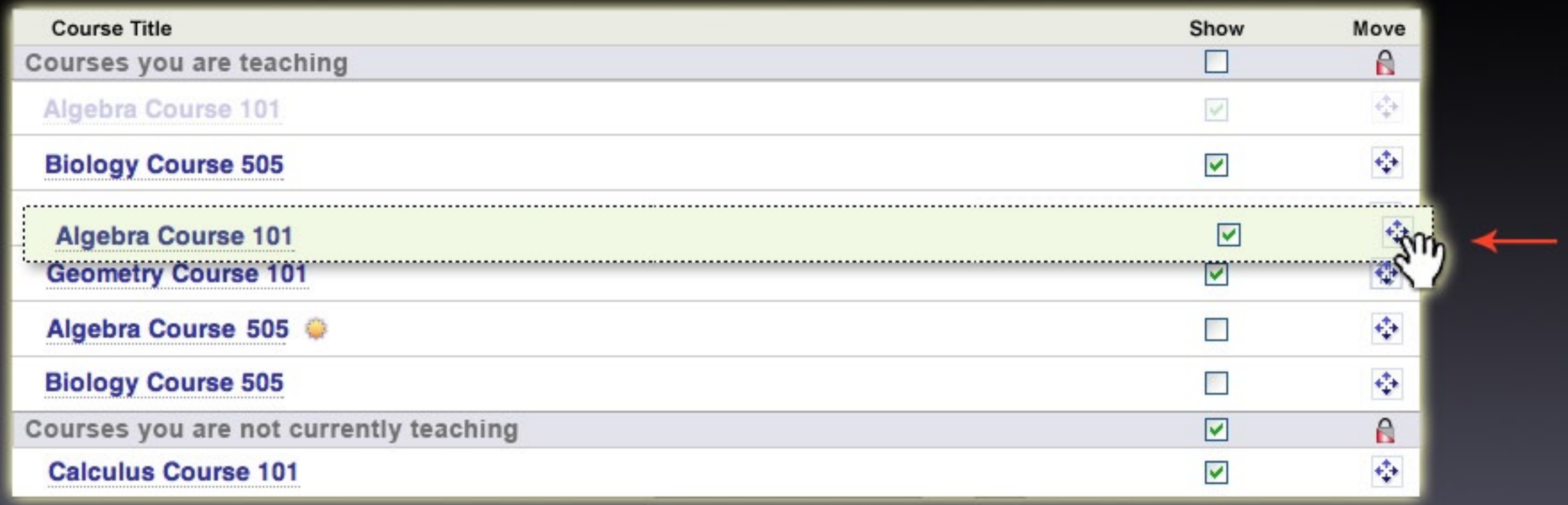
View course details for: All courses



MyCourse List: Ordering Courses

To change the order of your course list:

The user would click and hold on the move icon, drag the course title up or down in the list to the desired location, then release the mouse. The user would then click the "Save Changes" button, and return to the CourseCompass homepage.



Save Changes

Questions/Comments:

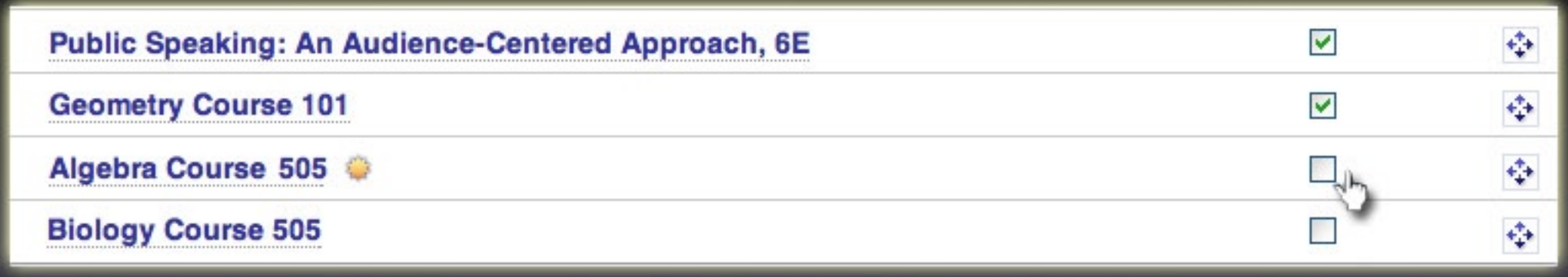
1. Course titles can ***not*** be dragged into the "Courses you are not currently ***teaching***" area.
2. Course titles can ***not*** be dragged ***out*** of the "Courses you are not currently ***teaching***" area, but can be moved around within.
3. Course titles located in the "Courses you are ***teaching***" area can ***not*** be dragged into the "Courses you are ***taking***" area, and visa versa.
4. All changes made on the ***Course List Settings*** page must reflect on the ***View All Course Details Pages***.

MyCourse List: Show/Hide Courses

Show/hide course listings:

If a user does not want a course title to display in the courses portlet, but does not want to delete that particular course, the show/hide checkboxes would allow them to do so.

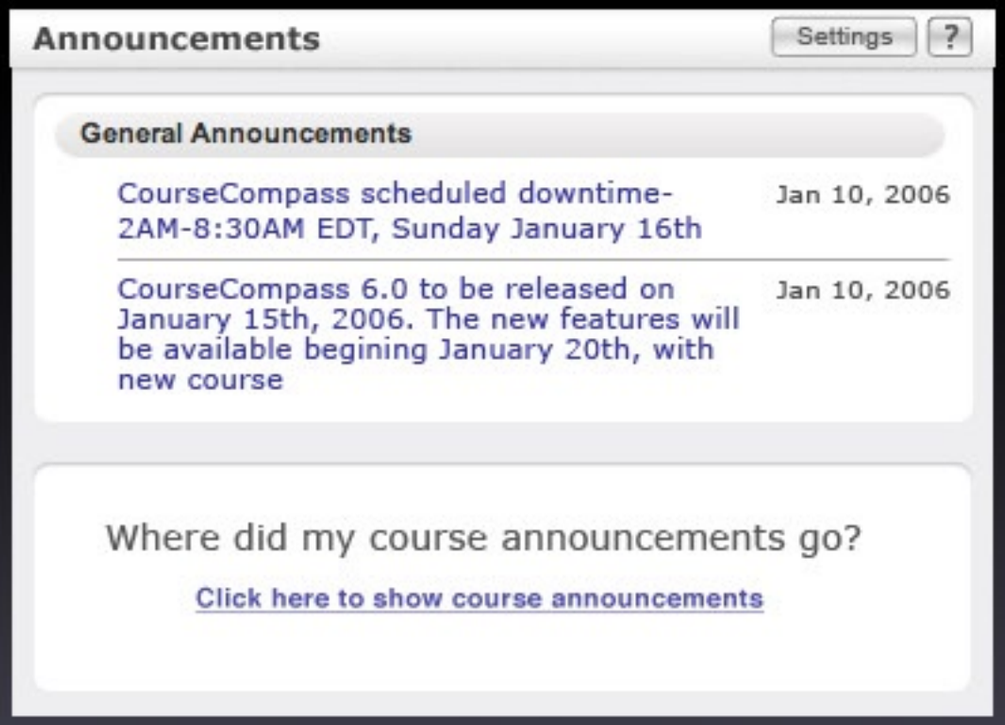
To hide a course title from the course list, the user would uncheck the checkbox to the right of the course title in the "Show" column. The user would then click the "Save Changes" button to returrn to the CourseCompass homepage.

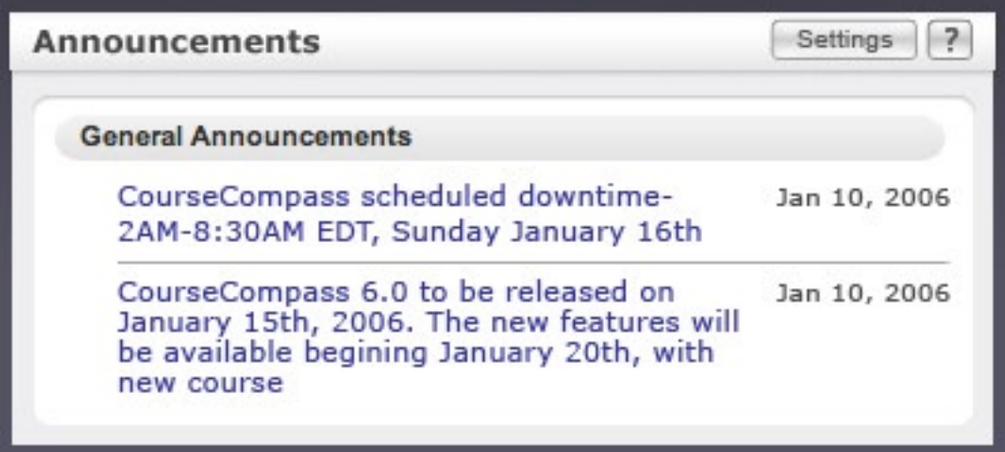


Questions/Comments:

1. All course titles, with the exception of ***courses being created*** can be hidden.
2. Hiding a header ***will*** hide all courses below it until it encounters another header (i.e.: hiding the "Course you are not currently teaching" header will hide the header and the courses.
3. Clicking on any other link (tab, breadcrumb, etc) after a change has been made on the Course List Settings page will prompt the user to save or cancel changes.

Announcements: Homepage Portlet View



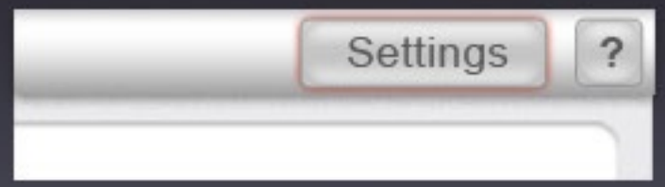


Objective:

1) make course announcements hidden as the default view
2) give the user the ability to show or hide all course announcements.

Solution:

Add a Settings button in the titlebar of the Announcements portlet. Clicking the button would bring the user to a focus view containing an interface to allow the user to show/hide course announcements.



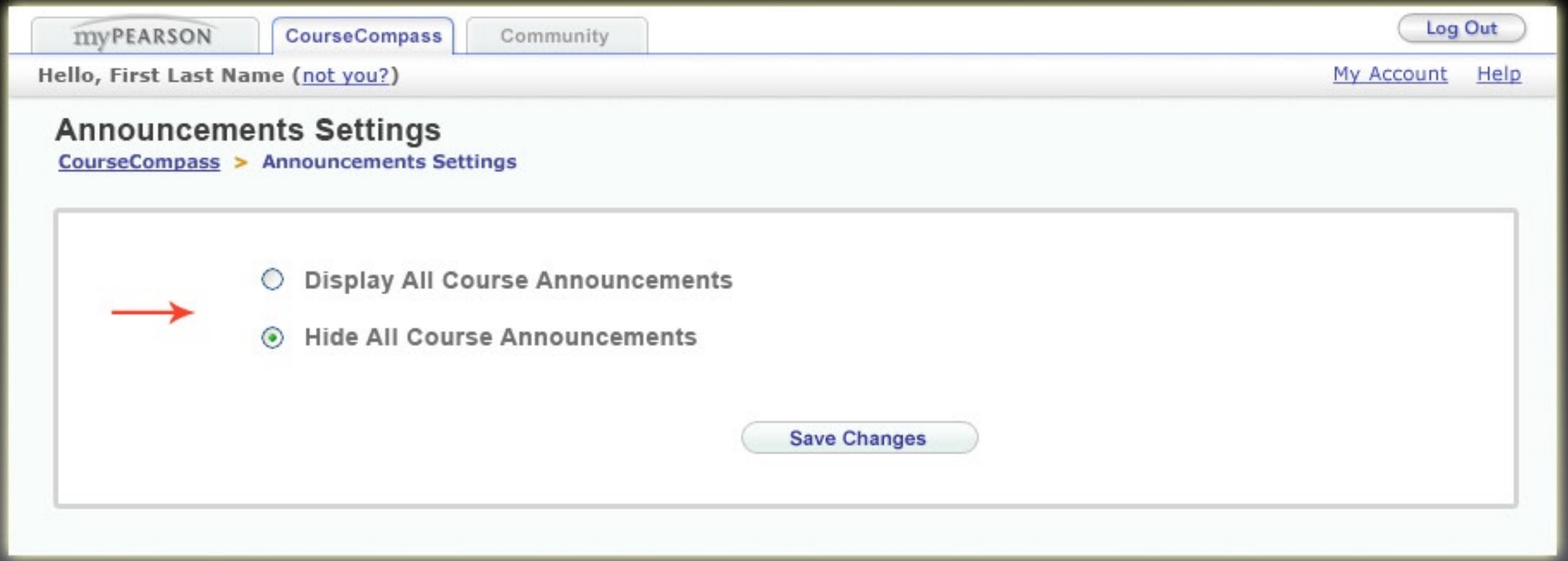
Questions/Comments:

1. How do we communicate to the user that these new features are accessible from the **Settings** button.
2. Only display "Where did my..." message on first log in. After that, do not display.

Announcements: Settings Page

Announcements Settings:

The user can show or hide all course announcements by selecting a radio button, then clicking the "Save Changes" button.



Questions/Comments:

1. If the user creates/copies a new course, the announcements for that course will still be hidden.
2. If user has set course announcements to display, the ordering of them may differ from the courses portlet if it has been customized.

Portal: Summary

Summary

We will try to achieve the following:

- add a settings button to the title bar of the courses and announcement portlets
- create a course list setting page
- allow users to create custom headers and drag them into position in the list (see restrictions)
- allow users to drag a course title into position to order their list (see restrictions)
- allow users to hide courses in the courses portlet without deleting the course
- allow users to save these changes or cancel out of them
- allow users to perform all of the above from one location
- create an announcements setting page
- hide course announcements as the default view
- allow users to show/hide all course announcements

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