How to Organize Your Course Overview Block in Moodle 3.4

Using the new "Course Overview" that sorts by semester, there isn't a means to reorder the courses. It only displays them in alphabetical/numerical order based on the course short name (ie. COMM090A before COMM090B before ENGL121, etc.)

However, any instructors who prefer to manually sort their courses can do so by customizing their dashboard to use the "Course Overview (Legacy)" block instead. The legacy block also displays the "assignments uploaded" notification icons. Here's how to do that:

1. On the Moodle front page, click the "customize this page" button at the top right corner of the page to turn on editing mode.

2. At the bottom left of the Moodle front page, you'll see an option to "add a block". Click this and select "Course Overview (Legacy)". This will add a second course overview block to your Moodle front page.

3. You can remove the new in progress/future/past-style course overview block by clicking the "gear" icon at the top right hand corner of the course overview block and selecting "Delete course overview block." It will ask you to confirm, it's ok to say yes. You now only have the legacy overview block visible. Click "Stop customizing this page" to exit edit mode.

4. Click on the "Courses" tab to view all of your courses. You can click the "star" icon next to each of your current courses to select them to appear on your "favorites" tab.

5. Once you have all of the courses you'll want to regularly access on the "favorites" tab, click the "customize this page" option and use the compass rose icon next to each course to drag and drop them into any order you like. When you are finished, click "stop customizing this page."

If manual sorting is your preference, you won't need to repeat all of these steps next semester. Instead, you'll just change which courses are marked as "favorites" and be able to drag them into your preferred order.