FACULTY - Sul Ross Blackboard has a new look

Blackboard looks different...here's the short version on why:

- We have updated Blackboard from the “2012 Theme” to the “2016 Theme.”
- Which “theme” we use affects only the look and feel of Blackboard. The functionalty remains the same.
- Your course may look really strange or ugly now. There is a quick fix. (See below.)
- How to adjust the look is different for STUDENTS. (Students Click Here)
- We are now much more limited on look and feel options. This is the price we pay for improved mobile experience.
- For more information on the 2016 Theme click here.

Here's the longer version:

“The Learn 2016 theme for Blackboard Learn is a modern version of the user interface that incorporates elements from the new Blackboard design language including color, fonts, and spacing for greater consistency between Blackboard Learn, Collaborate, and the Blackboard app. This optional theme is a first step in improving the experience for mobile users. Instructors and students can access their course materials whether they're at a desk or on the go!”

If your course looks really ugly or your text disappeared like this:
Here is a quick way to fix it:

Over on the right side of the screen click on the color fan and select “Default” even if it is already checked, click it again.

This will turn the course menu black and the text white. If your links had disappeared, they would be visible now.
If you want to change the colors from black and white to something else, go to the Control Panel and click on “Customization” and then “Teaching Style”.

Scroll down to “Select Menu Style” to change the course menu background color and text color. You can only change the colors on the background and text. Buttons will not work anymore. We are sacrificing some options in order to improve the experience for mobile users.
Click the chevron to the right of “Background Color.” Select a color for the background and then the text and click “Apply” at the bottom right. Do the same for the “Text Color.”

If you want your course to look like this:
Enter the code 67675b for the background color value. Then click “Apply.”

For the text color enter FFFFC and click “Apply.”

I do not know why the old course themes are even here anymore, but I would no longer use them.
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Most of these won't look good either.