Welcome & Updates -
SR Provost Dr. Robert Kinucan will open the Brown Bag and discuss bringing our SR online distance ed (Blackboard) under the Office of Academic Affairs as well as your new Blackboard support team:
Contact Tim Parsons or Estella Vega – blackboardsupport@sulross.edu or call ext. 8525 (Tim) ext. 8524 (Stella)

SRSU Grad & Undergrad Research Symposium & Graduate Student Center Update -
Estella Vega will update on changes to the Graduate Student Center as well as info on the upcoming 2020 SRSU Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium held on Monday, April 20th, 2020 from noon to 6:00pm in the UC Espino Center on the Alpine campus. Our keynote speaker will be SRSU Professor Dr. Kevin Urbanczyk.
For Symposium info – srsysymposium@sulross.edu or call ext. 8393 / Student Nomination deadline March 13th
The nomination form link may also be accessed from the main page of the SRSU Symposium website at:
blogs.sulross.edu/symposium

SRInfo for Faculty & Blackboard Feature Spotlight -
SRInfo is the informational and internal side to our marketing and public relations main website. We’ll walk through the various features of the SRInfo area as well as how you can utilize it in conjunction with mySRSU.
For info on SRInfo: srinfo.sulross.edu/info/
Contact Al Brautigam - SRSU Webmaster -abrautigam@sulross.edu or ext 8766

SRSU Library Resources/ Educational Librarian Update
Sul Ross Librarians are here to help you with resources and services to support the educational, research, and information needs at all campuses of the university. Betsy Evans, the Library’s Director of Outreach, Instruction, and Access, is working with SRSU Blackboard support to pilot embedded librarianship in Blackboard courses. This includes library-specific discussion boards monitored by librarians as well as creation of learning resources such as Research Guides catered to your specific needs. The development of the Library Teaching and Learning Toolkit will make open access library learning content – about research, information literacy, style and citation, and more – available for faculty to use and modify for their own purposes, both on Blackboard and in person.
Learn more about the Library Instruction Program online at https://library.sulross.edu/library-instruction/
For more info: Contact Betsy Evans at betsy.evans@sulross.edu or ext. 8312

SRSU-SHSU Shared Services Partnership
SRSU has entered into a shared services initiative with Sam Houston State University. The objective of this initiative is to literally share services and resources in support of improving and expanding quality online education within the Texas State University System. Tim will give an overview of the scope of this partnership, detail the new Blackboard instructional resources and expanded Bb support services that SRSU faculty and students will receive, and preview upcoming workshops/webinars over these new features/resources as well as a timeline for this roll-out.
For more info on the SRSU-SHSU Shared Services Initiative: Stay tuned for communications, informational presentations & announcements that will be relayed from the SRSU Online Distance Education Committee.
(Online Distance Education Committee Chair - Dr. Chris Davis)