

Welcome & Office of Education and Cultural Resources Updates:

Dean April Aultman Becker, Dean of the Education and Cultural Resources division will open the Brown Bag and welcome all participants.

For more information: april.becker@sulross.edu or call ext.8121 Professional Development site on SR Info (with calendar): <u>https://srinfo.sulross.edu/professionaldevelopment/</u>

Spotlight Presentation - SRSU OIT & TSUS-SRSU Blackboard - Transitioning to MS Teams & Blackboard Collaborate Ultra:

With the improvements in the distance education classrooms and in the web-conferencing tools available in Blackboard (Collaborate Ultra) and Microsoft Teams, the institution is poised to move our teleconferencing capabilities to these two solutions and move away from Zoom. For any questions on our move away from Zoom, please create an OIT LTAC ticket at: https://techassist.sulross.edu

Transitioning to Microsoft Teams: Fred Rojas - OIT Helpdesk Coordinator

WHEN TO USE

For all SRSU internal meetings and training, SR administrative and business uses, day-to-day professional communication, etc.

BENEFITS:

- It is integrated into and a part of our Microsoft 365 environment
- It offers breakout rooms
- No additional costs to SRSU

LEARN MORE:

There are several LTAC Solutions available for MS Teams.

These are available at https://techassist.sulross.edu/showTopicDetails.do?id=301 - (Login required) Contact LTAC at techassist@sulross.edu or at 432-837-8888 to schedule a virtual meeting to learn more about Teams.

Transitioning to Blackboard Collaborate Ultra: Your SRSU/SHSU Blackboard Support Team *WHEN TO USE*:

Use Collaborate Ultra from Zoom for all SRSU academic online/hybrid course delivery needs.

BENEFITS:

- 24/7 support and training for SRSU faculty and students in utilizing Blackboard tools/features
- Collaborate is integrated into all your Blackboard courses where course enrollment is synched with Banner
- Collaborate recordings are located within the course, can be easily embedded into course materials or your other Blackboard courses, and there is no time limit on retaining your recording.
- Collaborate's screen share function allows instructor to easily display powerpoints, documents, websites, or videos. Tools include virtual whiteboard, chat, polling, and breakout groups.

For a full list of Collaborate Ultra features, see the following link: Collaborate Ultra Features and Benefits

LEARN MORE:

-Visit our new "Teaching with Blackboard" Instructor Resource Site where you can find support material and how-to videos on Blackboard Collaborate. Access it within Blackboard by going to the "Faculty Central" tab at the top-right of your Blackboard dashboard. From there, we have a new sub-tab called "Bb Resources" where you'll access the "Teaching with Blackboard" site. Bb Collaborate webinar recordings are also available here.

-SHSU Online offers Blended Teaching webinars (including on Using Collaborate). Visit the Blended Teaching Webinar sign-up page to see the current schedule and enroll in webinars.

-To request help getting set up to utilize Blackboard Collaborate contact the 24/7 Blackboard Online Support Desk at: email - blackboardsupport@sulross.edu or call - 888.837.6055

OR email Your SRSU Blackboard Support Team Directly: Jorge Luna - jll092@shsu.edu, Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu, or Estella Vega - estellav@sulross.edu

SRSU DE Room Update:

OIT Academic Technology & Teleconferencing Coordinator **Dominick Percoco** will present on SRSU classroom technology improvements currently happening and upcoming across all SR campuses.

For more information: Dominick Percoco at dominick.percoco@sulross.edu or ext. 8888.

DE room support documentation can be found at https://techassist.sulross.edu/showTopicDetails.do?id=608 - (Login required)

To schedule DE room orientation or training, submit a HelpDesk request at https://techassist.sulross.edu

SRSU Lobo Den – Online Tutoring:

SRSU Lobo Den Tutoring Coordinator / Advisor Mabel Garcia will provide information on their current virtual tutoring services & sessions.

For more information: Mabel Garcia at mag15bf@sulross.edu or ext 8629 Tutoring Program Main Page & Schedule: https://www.sulross.edu/TLC

SRSU Library Resources Update

System and Discovery Services Librarian Mike Fernandez

Presenting on: Updates on SR Library services & resources as we continue to navigate the pandemic; Keep an eye out for grant funded #SRSU sustainability programs running through Earth Day 2021 - including a faculty/staff book club - at library.sulross.edu/sustainability; Consider joining a focus group on the theme of "accessing library resources" in early Spring.

Contact **Mike Fernandez**, Systems Librarian, for more information at miguel.fernandez@sulross.edu or ext. 8123, library.sulross.edu