

Spotlight Presentation – SRSU Website Redesign and Relaunch

Our new SRSU webmaster Vince Parras will give us a preview of the new SRSU website redesign. Vince will also discuss how to view your area pages on the new website, request info updates and changes, and review the timeline for our switch-over to the new website.

For more information: Vince Parras at vincent.parras@sulross.edu or ext. 8761 Office of Information Technology - BAB 106 SRSU Website Redesign Preview: http://sulross.infojiniconsulting.com/ To submit webpage edits or modifications: Please create an OIT LTAC ticket at - https://techassist.sulross.edu

SRSU Phasing Out Zoom - 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 at fred.rojas@sulross.edu 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 For information on the using the new Collabrate Gallery View, see Jacob Spradlin's SHSU Online eLearning Support Blog post.

LEARN MORE:

-Visit our new "Teaching Online 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. Collaborate Resources include:

Blended Teaching Webinars – You can sign up to take an "Online Self-Paced" Blackboard Collaborate Ultra course.

Webinar Recordings – The latest Bb Collaborate Ultra webinar recording can be found here, among many others. **Synchronous Lectures & Meetings** – Area on utilizing Blackboard Collaborate as an instructor/moderator & participant for online lectures and meetings. Includes how-to videos and documentation.

-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

An Overview of How We're Using the EMP System:

SRSU GSC Graduate Coordinator (and Blackboard Instructional Support) Estella Vega will give an overview of the new Enrollment Management Platform (EMP) being used to track and communicate with potential and current SRSU students.

For more information contact: Estella Vega at estellav@sulross.edu or ext 8524 OR Assoc Director of Strategic Engagement Shannon Stockbridge at shannon.stockbridge@sulross.edu or ext 8503

SRSU Professional Development Update:

Dean April Aultman Becker, Dean of the Education and Cultural Resources division will update us on the SRSU Professional Development initiative and all the resources available and upcoming opportunities for faculty and staff.

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

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