



SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Fall 2023
Live Brown Bag Event

WHAT: Fall 2023 SRSU Instructional Services at SRSU Update

WHEN: Friday, October 6th, 2023 from 11:50am to 1:00pm





Welcome & Opening

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SRSU Office of Academic Affairs

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(...and some general housekeeping with Tim before
we get started...)



TSUS Shared Services Partnership

Sul Ross State University and Sam Houston State University

SHSU Online Team



Dr. Ruth Chisum – Assistant Vice President for Online Operations

Ricki Lee Hodges Neri – TSUS Blackboard Master Administrator

Ray Scheel - Assistant Director for Course Development

Jacob Spradlin - Director of Online Instructional Development and Support

Daniel Walker - Director for Online Technology Support Operations

Rachel Scherer - Senior Instructional Designer

Jorge Luna – Instructional Designer to Sul Ross State University

SRSU Blackboard Support Team



Tim Parsons & Estella Vega – SRSU Blackboard Admin & Instructional Design Support



SRSU Office of Information Technology Team



Jacob Fuentes – Chief information Officer

George Hernandez - Director OIT Operations RGC

Paula Arredondo – Director of Networking Services

Paedric Rayburn – Network Specialist

Carlos Guzman – Network System Admin

Sarah Sheffield – Information Security Specialist

Dominick Percoco – Academic Technology & Teleconference Coordinator

Scott Polk – LTAC Helpdesk Coordinator

Manuel Martinez – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

John Chasteen – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

Cesar Sanchez – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

Juan Garza - Technical Support Specialist II RGC

Santana Tarango - Technical Support Specialist II RGC

Sindy Ortiz -Technical Support Specialist II RGC





SRSU OIT Update

Jacob Fuentes

OIT Chief Information Officer

with

Academic Tech & Teleconference Coordinator **Dominick Percoco**

Information Security Specialist **Sarah Sheffield**



SRSU Library Resources Update

Betsy Helesic

Director of Library and Archives



SRSU Grants Supporting Tech & Student Success Update

Kendall Craig
Executive Grant Director



SRSU Division of Online Programs & Distance Education Quality Matters Update

Dr. Jennifer Haan
Director of OPDE



Instructional Services / Blackboard Support Team
Making the Transition to Ultra Course View in 2024
& New SRSU Blackboard Tools & Features

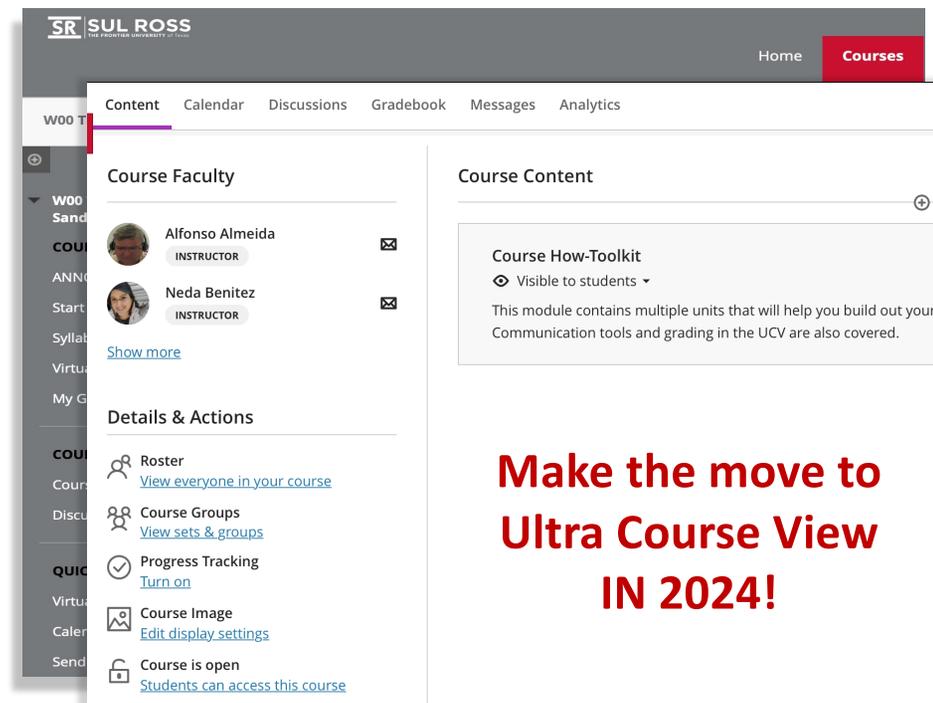
Tim Parsons and Estella Vega

SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

QUESTION: How long do I have before SRSU moves completely to the Ultra course view?

ANSWER: Blackboard will continue to support the original course view through Spring and summer of 2024, but our TSUS Partnership would like for all partner schools to be completely in Ultra Course View by Fall 2024.

MEANING: SRSU online instructors should be actively moving to Ultra for spring/summer 2024 with the help of their TSUS-SRSU support teams.



**Make the move to
Ultra Course View
IN 2024!**

QUESTION: How can I start transitioning my upcoming Blackboard courses to the Ultra Course View?

ANSWER: Reach out to one of our SRSU Instructional Designers and let them know you want to move spring/summer/fall 2024 courses OR your entire program into Bb sandboxes so you can build or preview them in the Ultra Course View!

SRSU Instructional Designers:

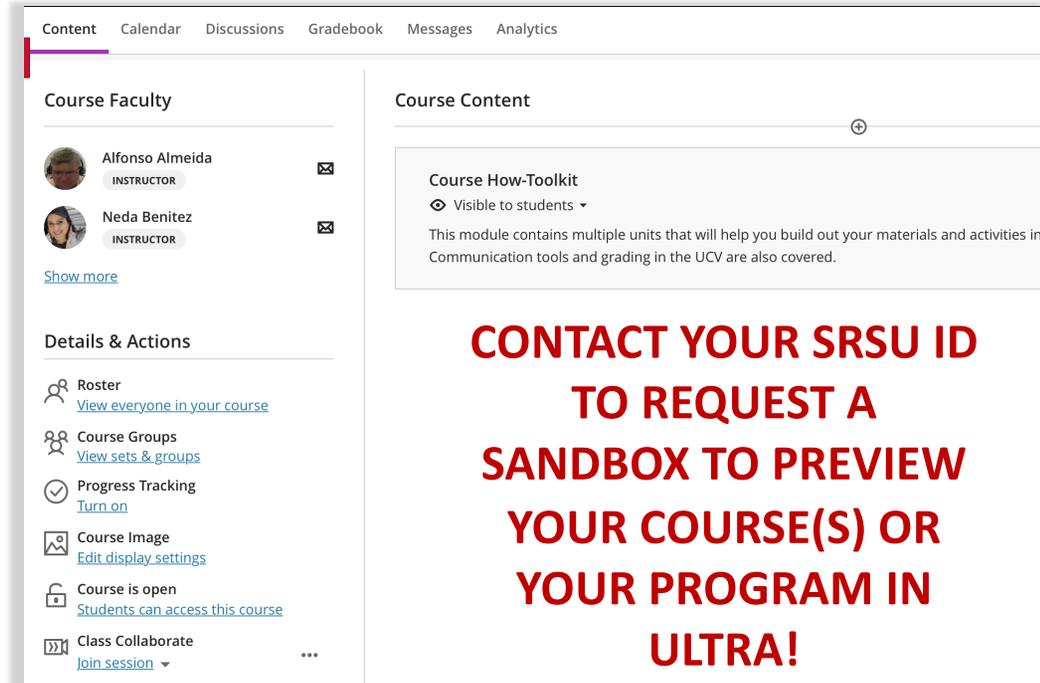
Jorge Luna - jll092@shsu.edu

Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu

OR

NEW Instructional Designer support

Email – IDSupport@sulross.edu



Upcoming October SHSU Online Ultra Training:

ENROLL NOW for Fall Online Course (Ultra) Redesign & Faculty Certification Cohort 2!

Cohort 2: 10/16/23 - 11/16/23 (5 SRSU Seats Available)

SRSU faculty who COMPLETE the program receive a \$500 stipend, and 25 professional development hours.

SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars for October

3/20/23 @ 3pm - AI Design Assistant in Bb Ultra

10/09/23 @ 2pm - Course Building in Ultra Course View

10/12/23 @ 2pm - Communicating in Bb Ultra Course View

10/16/23 @ 3pm - Grading in Bb Ultra Course View

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Ultra course interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Content, Calendar, Discussions, Gradebook, Messages, and Analytics. The main content is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Course Faculty' and lists two instructors: Alfonso Almeida and Neda Benitez, each with a profile picture and an 'INSTRUCTOR' label. Below this is a 'Show more' link. The right column is titled 'Course Content' and shows a 'Course How-Toolkit' module with a 'Visible to students' dropdown and a description: 'This module contains multiple units that will help you build out your materials and activities in Communication tools and grading in the UCV are also covered.' Below the main content, there is a 'Details & Actions' section with several options: Roster (View everyone in your course), Course Groups (View sets & groups), Progress Tracking (Turn on), Course Image (Edit display settings), Course is open (Students can access this course), and Class Collaborate (Join session).

Lots of opportunities to become familiar with the Ultra Course View!



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New SRSU Blackboard Tools & Features

Tutor.com

Estella Vega and Anthony Quintana

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New SRSU Blackboard Tools & Features

New Artificial Intelligence features in Blackboard Ultra

Tim Parsons

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THANK YOU!

