



Presentation Information

SRSU Office of Academic Affairs:

SRSU Provost Bernie Canteñs will open the Brown Bag, welcome all participant, and be available to answer any questions over Office of Academic Affairs initiatives covered in the Brown Bag presentations.

Contact Executive Vice President & Provost Bernie Canteñs

at bernie.cantens@sulross.edu or call ext.8866 / Office: BAB203

Contact Executive Assistant to the Provost Lou Pauls at lpauls@sulross.edu or call ext.8432

SRSU OIT Update:

Our OIT-CIO Jacob Fuentes will give us an update on our new SRSU phone system, as well as classroom upgrades and SR security updates with OIT staff **Dom Percoco** & **Sarah Sheffield**.

For more information: Contact Jacob Fuentes at jacob.fuentes@sulross.edu or call ext.8885

For general OIT requests contact the **Lobo Technology Assistance Center** at:

ltac@sulross.edu or call at 432-837-8888

SRSU Grants Supporting Tech & Student Success Update:

Our Executive Director of Title III STEM LTS and Title V DHSI FSE Kendall Craig will provide us a quick overview of 5 Year Program-Builder grant roles and their technology impacts. **For more information:**

Contact Mr. Kendall Craig at kcraig@sulross.edu, **Mrs. Maya Vaughn** (Title III STEM LTS)

at maya.vaughn@sulross.edu, or **Mr. Joseph Waggoner** (Title V DHSI FSE) at Joseph.Waggoner@sulross.edu

Title V DHSI FSE Website: <https://www.sulross.edu/title-v-the-frontier-student-experience/>

SRSU Library Update:

Our Director of SRSU Library and Archives Betsy Helesic will update us on current library staff positions, projects and resources, website changes, and new online library tools for faculty & students.

For more information: Contact Betsy Helesic at betsy.helesic@sulross.edu or call ext.8312

SRSU Division of Online Learning and Distance Education (OLDE) Update:

Our Director of the Online Learning and Distance Education Division, **Dr. Jennifer Haan**, will update us on the SRSU Quality Matters initiative. **For more information: Contact Dr. Jennifer Haan** at jennifer.haan@sulross.edu

OLDE/SRSU Online Courses website: <https://www.sulross.edu/online/>

SRSU Instructional Services/Blackboard Ultra Transition Update:

Reach out to one of our SRSU Instructional Designers this Fall and ask to move a course into a Blackboard sandbox so you can build/preview it in the Ultra Course View (to teach in spring/summer/fall 2024) **using our new Instructional Designer support email: IDSupport@sulross.edu**

You can also still contact our 24/7 Online Support Desk at blackboardsupport@sulross.edu

or you can call the support desk toll-free anytime day or night at **888.837.6055**

Questions about Ultra? **Contact SRSU Blackboard Support/ID - Tim Parsons** - tim.parsons@sulross.edu

SRSU Instructional Services / New Blackboard Tools & Features Update:

-Tutor.com now integrated into SRSU Blackboard

Sul Ross State University now provides all online students with access to Tutor.com, which offers 24/7, no-cost, 1-to-1 tutoring in multiple subjects and disciplines. Log in to Tutor.com through Blackboard, and quickly connect with an expert tutor who can help you with whatever you're working on—anytime, anywhere, from any internet-connected device.

Chat with your tutor via two-way text or voice, and utilize all of the tools in Tutor.com's interactive classroom, including whiteboard, Desmos® graphing calculator, text and coding screens, file sharing, and more. Through Tutor.com's platform, you can also access free test-prep resources from The Princeton Review®, along with practice quizzes and other resources. Need writing help? You have access 24/7 in two formats: live with an expert tutor in real time, or via drop-off review, with expert feedback delivered to you within 12 hours.

For more information: Contact Estella Vega at estellav@sulross.edu or call ext.

Tutor.com Resources and Information: website - <https://www.tutor.com/>

Tutor.com Orientation Videos: [Student Orientation](#) / [Faculty Orientation](#)

Writing Center Resource for Students: <https://tutor.com/writing-center>

This is a separate resource that your students can use. There is also an academic integrity center here as well.

Tutor.com YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY2Slkd907TZx-EVuSngP6Q>

All recorded training videos and webinars for Tutor.com are located here.

-New Artificial Intelligence features in Blackboard Ultra

The AI Blackboard feature became available on September 8th, 2023 in Blackboard Ultra courses! The Artificial Intelligence feature will help instructors save time and effort by generating Learning modules, assessments, rubrics and even images based on the content of the course.

AI Design Assistant features include (click links for video walk-throughs):

[Auto-Generate Learning Modules](#)

[Learning Module Images](#) (Suggestions from Unsplash and Generate)

[Generate Test Questions](#)

[Generate Question Banks from Ultra Documents](#)

[Generate Rubrics](#)

Watch this video and discover how Intelligent Experiences are delivered in Blackboard Learn Ultra:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu9d7OeP1rk>

FOR MORE INFO AND RECORDED WEBINAR SESSIONS ON NEW ULTRA TOOL/FEATURES (AND FUTURE RELEASES): Visit our newly updated "**Teaching Online with Blackboard**" **Instructor Resource Site!**

To access our "**Teaching Online with Blackboard**" instructor resource site within Blackboard, go to the SRSU Faculty Central module on Blackboard landing page and choose the "SRSU Faculty Central - Teaching Online with Blackboard" link from the menu. **In the TOWB course you will find the following resources:**

- **AI Design Assistant for Ultra – Guides & Resources**
- **Faculty and Staff Services** – Sign up for Digital Teaching webinars or access training thru **LinkedIn Learning!**
- **What's New in Ultra** – Ultra new features & tools info and release schedule
- **Bb Ultra Quickstart Guides, Blackboard Original & Ultra Help from A-Z**
- **Webinar Recordings** – In the "Webinar Recordings" folder you'll find the latest recorded SHSU Online webinars (under both "Ultra" and "Original" webinar recording folders).