



**SRSU Office of Academic Affairs**  
**Fall 2023**  
**Live Brown Bag Event**

**WHAT:** Fall 2023 SRSU Instructional Services at SRSU Update

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 from 11:50am to 1:30pm





Welcome & Opening

**Provost Bernie Canteñs**

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

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## 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

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**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** – Director of Academic Technology

**Scott Polk** – LTAC Helpdesk Coordinator

**Juan Garza** - Technical Support Specialist II RGC

**Sindy Ortiz** -Technical Support Specialist II RGC

**Manuel Martinez** – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

**John Chasteen** – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

**Cesar Sanchez** – Technical Support Specialist II ALP





## SRSU OIT Update

**George Hernandez**

Director of OIT Operations MRGC



## SRSU Library Resources Update

**Mike Fernandez**

Head of Library Systems & Access  
Eagle Pass Campus



# SRSU Grants Supporting Tech & Student Success Update

**Kendall Craig**  
Executive Grant Director



# SRSU Grants Supporting Tech & Student Success Update

**Joseph Olan**

Title V DHSI Grant Director





New SRSU Blackboard Tools & Features

Tutor.com

**Estella Vega**

Graduate Studies/PPOHA AAO Director & SRSU Team Blackboard



# 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**

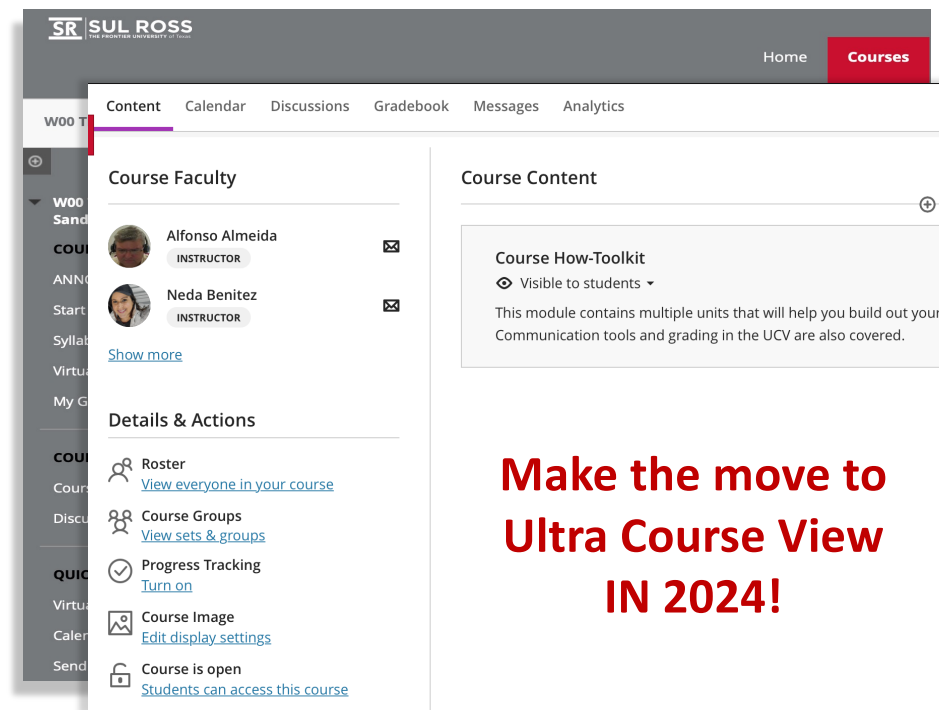
**Tim Parsons**

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 transition spring 2024 courses to Ultra, or move summer/fall 2024 courses OR entire programs into Bb sandboxes to Build/preview in the Ultra Course View!

**SRSU Instructional Designers:**

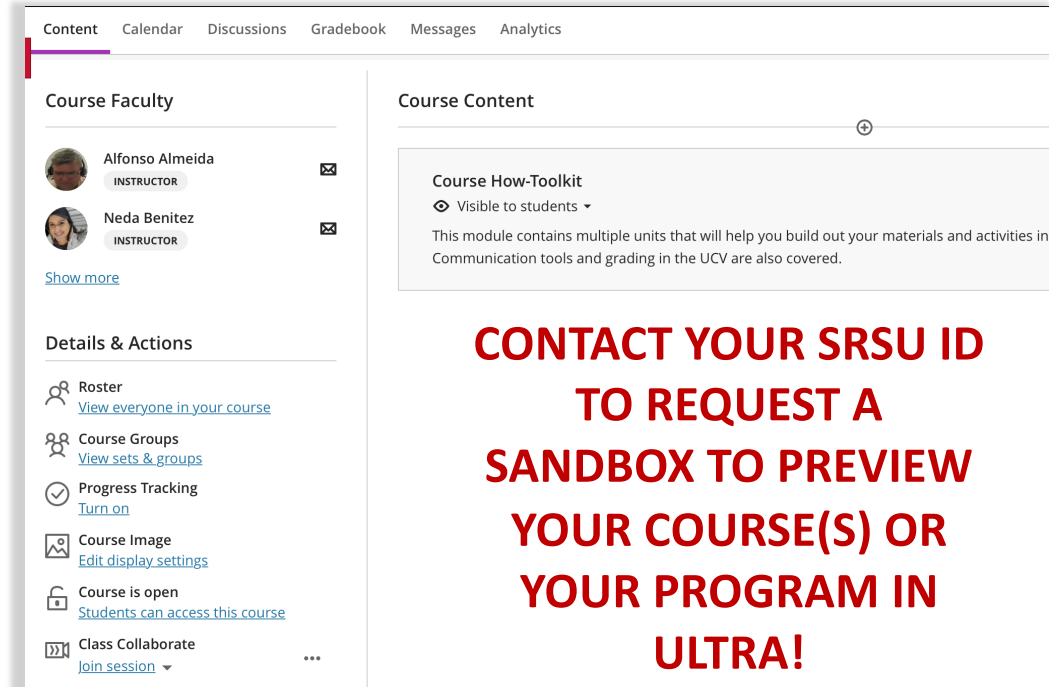
Jorge Luna - [jll092@shsu.edu](mailto:jll092@shsu.edu)

Tim Parsons - [tim.parsons@sulross.edu](mailto:tim.parsons@sulross.edu)

**OR**

**NEW** Instructional Designer support

Email – [IDSupport@sulross.edu](mailto:IDSupport@sulross.edu)



# Upcoming November SHSU Online Ultra Training:

## SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars for November

**11/8/23 @ 2pm:** Effective Use of Learning Modules in Ultra Courses

**11/9/23 @ 2pm:** Feedback Strategies in Bb Ultra

**11/14/23 @ 2pm:** Grading/Assessment in Bb Ultra

**11/16/23 @ 2pm:** Increase Ultra 'Course Appeal' with the Online Course Styling Tool

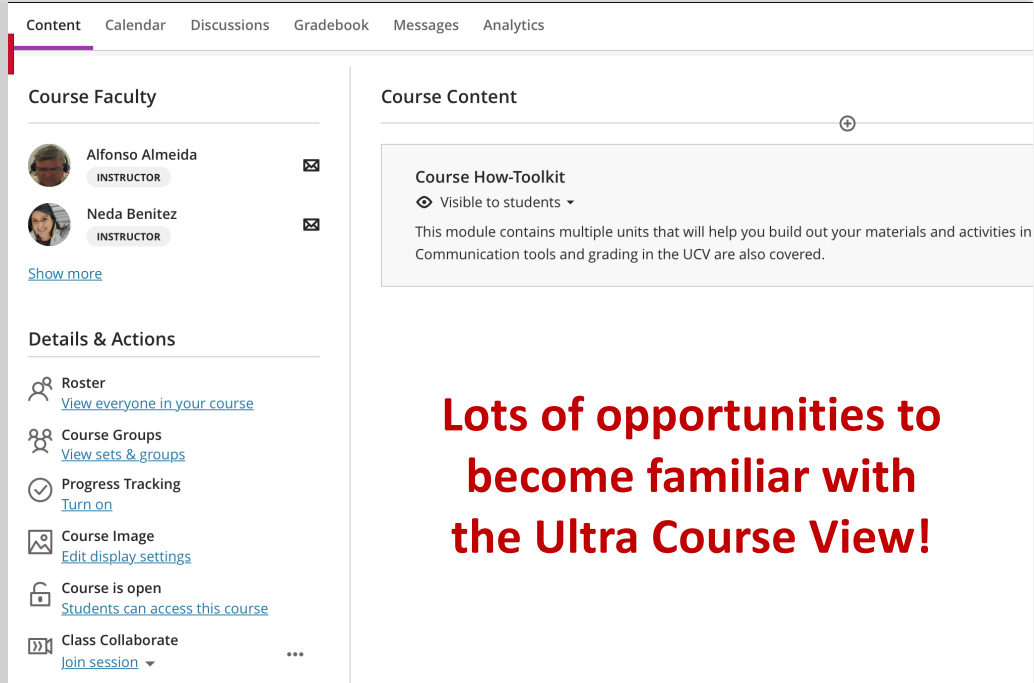
**11/28/23 @ 2pm:** What's New in Blackboard?

## Faculty Only - Fall 2023 VIRTUAL Brown Bag

**November 17, 2023** - Noon to 1pm over TEAMS

- Instructor's Choice Spring 2024 Bb Courses

- K16 Ultra Conversions Roll Out



The screenshot displays the Blackboard Ultra interface. At the top, navigation tabs include Content, Calendar, Discussions, Gradebook, Messages, and Analytics. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column, titled 'Course Faculty', lists two instructors: Alfonso Almeida and Neda Benitez, each with a profile picture and an 'INSTRUCTOR' label. Below the list is a 'Show more' link. The right column, titled 'Course Content', shows a 'Course How-Toolkit' module with a visibility icon and the text: '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 content area is a 'Details & Actions' section with icons and links for Roster, Course Groups, Progress Tracking, Course Image, Course is open, and Class Collaborate.

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



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New SRSU Blackboard Tools & Features

New Artificial Intelligence features in Blackboard Ultra

**Tim Parsons**

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**THANK YOU!**

