



SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Spring 2024
Live Brown Bag Event

WHAT: Spring 2024 SRSU Instructional Services at SRSU Update

WHEN: Friday, February 9th, 2024 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

SRSU Blackboard Support Team



Tim Parsons & Estella Vega – SRSU Blackboard Admins & 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 – Director of Academic Technology

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

Giselle Garcia- Technical Support Specialist II RGC

Sindy Ortiz -Technical Support Specialist II RGC





SRSU OIT Update

Jacob Fuentes

OIT Chief Information Officer

with

Director of Academic Technology **Dominick Percoco**

Information Security Specialist **Sarah Sheffield**

Helpdesk Coordinator **Scott Polk**



SRSU Grants Supporting Tech & Student Success Update

Executive Grant Director **Kendall Craig**
with SRSU Title V PPOHA Grant Directors

Ida Hoelscher (Advancing Graduate Programs en La Frontera)

Estella Vega (Accelerating Access and Opportunity in West Texas)



SRSU Library Resources Update

Betsy Helesic

Director of Library and Archives



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

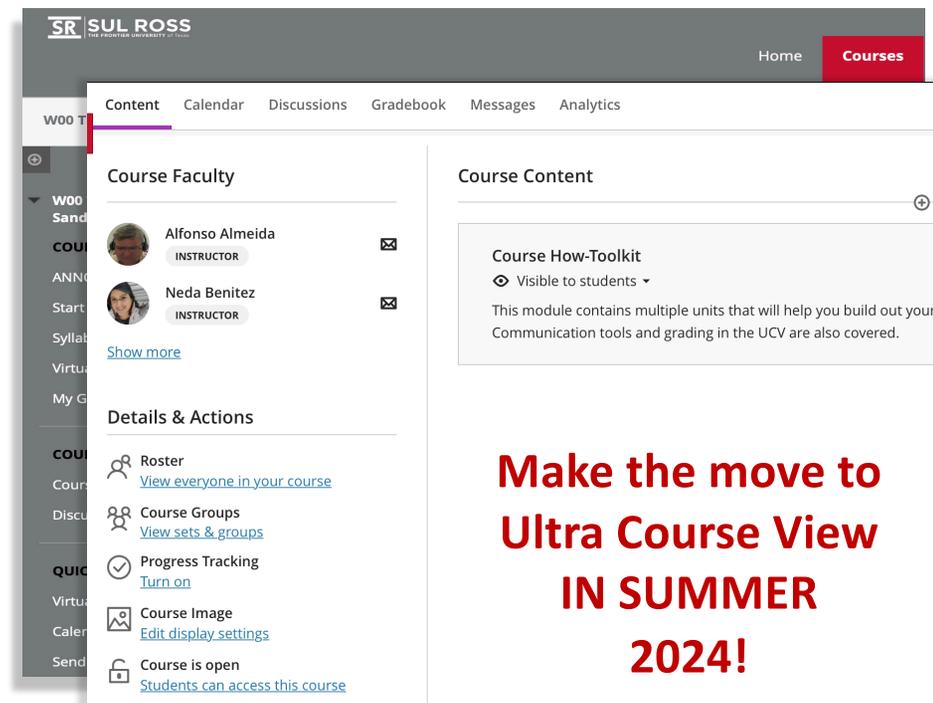
SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

QUESTION: How long do I have before SRSU moves completely to the Ultra in 2024?

ANSWER: 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 summer / fall 2024 with the help of their TSUS-SRSU support teams.

SRSU would like to make a “soft” move to Ultra in summer 2024IF POSSIBLE.



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

QUESTION: How can I start immediately transitioning my upcoming Blackboard courses to the Ultra Course View so I can be ready for summer or fall 2024?

ANSWER: Our Shared Services Partners at SHSU Online have procured the services of a company (K16) who has converted copies of SR Bb online courses from Fall 2022 to Sum 2023 (a course rotation) and will add the instructors into these Ultra converted course shells very soon.

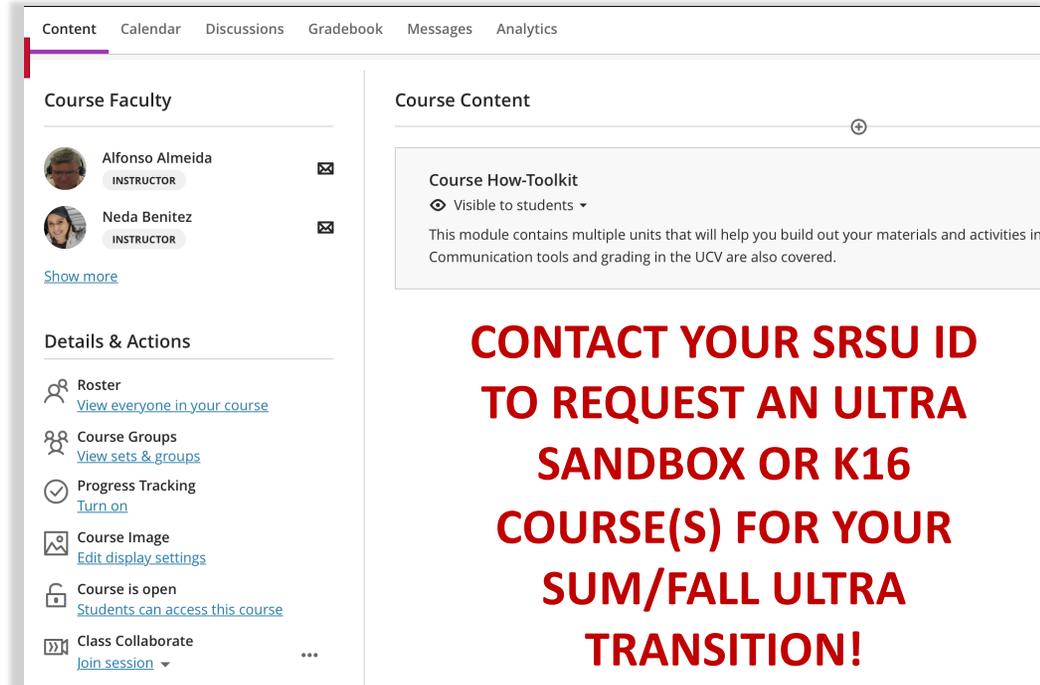
SRSU K16 Ultra Converted Course Support:

Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu

Rachel Carvajal (*Grad Bb Instructors*) -

rachel.carvajal@sulross.edu

We'll be contacting you over the next month (or please contact us)!



Upcoming February SHSU Online Ultra Training & Support:

NEW SRSU Faculty Instructional Designer Support

email: IDSsupport@sulross.edu

Don't hesitate to request a web-conference one-on-one with an ID!

SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars for February

Featuring the “Blackboard Ultra 5-Pack” of webinars:

2/13/24 @ 2pm: Ultra 5-Pack: Planning for Ultra Course View

2/15/24 @ 2pm: Ultra 5-Pack – Content Creation &

Management

2/19/24 @ 3pm: Ultra 5-Pack – Communication & Engagement

2/21/24 @ 2pm: Ultra 5-Pack – Assessments, Tests &

Assignments

2/27/24 @ 2pm: Ultra 5-Pack – Grading & Tracking Student

Performance/Progress

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Ultra Course View interface. At the top, navigation tabs include Content, Calendar, Discussions, Gradebook, Messages, and Analytics. The main content is divided into three sections: Course Faculty, Details & Actions, and Course Content. The Course Faculty section lists two instructors: Alfonso Almeida and Neda Benitez, each with a profile picture and an email icon. Below this is a 'Show more' link. The Details & Actions section contains several options: Roster (with a link to 'View everyone in your course'), Course Groups (with a link to 'View sets & groups'), Progress Tracking (with a 'Turn on' link), Course Image (with a link to 'Edit display settings'), Course is open (with a link to 'Students can access this course'), and Class Collaborate (with a 'Join session' link). The Course Content section shows a 'Course How-Toolkit' module, which is visible to students and contains multiple units for building materials and activities, including communication tools and grading in the UCV.

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



SRSU Blackboard / Student Support

[Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com)

Anthony Quintana

Coordinator of Tutoring Services/Advisor

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Instructional Services / Blackboard Support Team
New SRSU Blackboard Tools & Features &
New Artificial Intelligence features in Blackboard Ultra

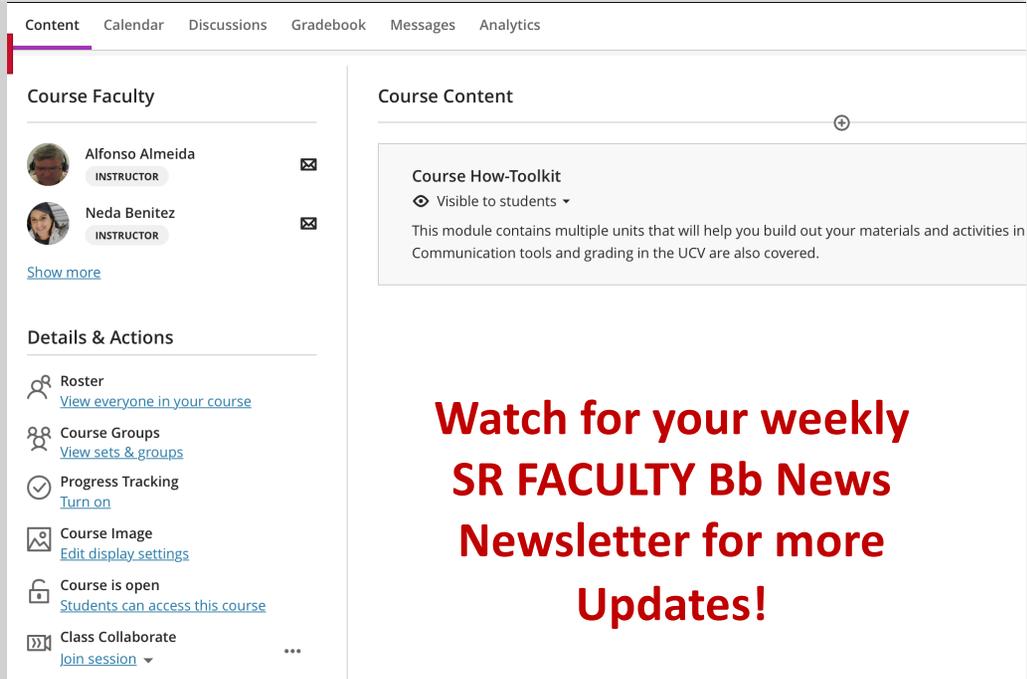
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SRSU Blackboard Tools & Features Update:

***Blackboard's Turnitin anti-plagiarism tool will be available as an option to enable within your Assignment feature (just like the SafeAssign anti-plagiarism tool has been) starting February 23rd!**

***COMING SOON - AI CERTIFICATION COHORTS:**
In March our TSUS Partnership will launch a **"Using Generative AI in Teaching & Learning"** certification program.
Keep an eye out for the upcoming cohort registration announcement!



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THANK YOU!

