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 OIT projects, classroom upgrades and SR security updates with OIT staff **Dom Percoco, Sarah Sheffield** & **Scott Polk.**
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, along with **Title V PPOHA Grant Directors Ida Hoelscher & Estella Vega**. **For more information on Title III STEM & Title V DHSI:**
Contact Maya Vaughn (Title III STEM LTS) at maya.vaughn@sulross.edu, or **Joseph Waggoner** (Title V DHSI FSE) at Joseph.Waggoner@sulross.edu
SRSU Grad Student Support Services (PPOHA): https://www.sulross.edu/graduate-student-support-center/
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 Programs and Distance Education (OPDE) Update:
Our **Director of the Online Programs 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
OPDE/SRSU Online Courses website: https://www.sulross.edu/online/

SRSU Blackboard / Student Services:
Our **Coordinator of Tutoring Services/Advisor Anthony Quintana** will present on Tutor.com, which offers 24/7, no-cost, 1-to-1 tutoring in multiple subjects and disciplines. Access Tutor.com through SR Blackboard.
For more info: Contact Anthony Quintana at anthony.quintana@sulross.edu or call ext. 8726

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 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 a**t 888.837.6055**
Questions about Ultra? **Contact SRSU Blackboard Support/ID - Tim Parsons** - tim.parsons@sulross.edu

Our Shared Services Partners at SHSU Online have been working with the services of a company called K16. K16 expertly batch converts whole semesters worth of a universities Original Course View online courses to Ultra Course View. K16 has converted copies of all relevant SRSU Blackboard online courses from Fall 2022 to Summer 2023 (an entire course rotation) on our system and will be adding the appropriate instructors into these converted course shells. Over the next month, Tim Parsons and **Title V PPOHA -AAO Graduate Instructional Technology Specialist Rachel Carvajal** will be contacting you on these duplicate courses from previous semesters that have been converted to Ultra f**or you to review and use as a "sandbox" course for your upcoming SUMM/FALL 2024 courses.**

Watch this TSUS/SHSU video series "So I Received My Converted Blackboard Course, Now What?"

SRSU Instructional Services / New Blackboard Tools & Features Update:

-New Artificial Intelligence features in Blackboard Ultra
T**he 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 TSUS/SHSU video series on the AI Design Assistant for Blackboard Learn Ultra

COMING SOON - NEW 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!

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. I**n 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 Ultra webinars **including all of our new Ultra 5 Pack of digital teaching webinars**.