



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

Dean of Case College (LASS) & College of Graduate Studies & Online Education:

Dr. Laura Payne will update on the SRSU Eagle Pass ISD Dual Credit Program.

For more info: lbutler@sulross.edu or call ext.8524

SRSU OIT Update:

Our Director of OIT Operations George Hernandez will give us an update on OIT projects, classroom upgrades and SR security updates with OIT Director of Academic Technology **Dom Percoco**.

For more info **contact George Hernandez** at gbernandez2@sulross.edu or call ext.3045

For general OIT requests contact the Lobo Technology Assistance Center at: ltac@sulross.edu or call 432-837-8888

SRSU Library Update:

Our Head of Library Systems & Access Mike Fernandez (Eagle Pass) will update us on current library projects and resources that will benefit faculty instruction. **For more information:**

Contact Mike Fernandez at mx20wy@sulross.edu or call ext. 5035

SRSU Grants Supporting Tech & Student Success Update:

1) 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. Call at ext.8595

2) Our Eagle Pass Title V DHSI: Culture of Care Director Joseph Olan & Alpine Title V DHSI: Digital Transformation & Modernization Director Michelle Lacey will give an overview of their SRSU student centered projects. **Contact Joseph Olan** or call ext.4822 / **Contact Michelle Lacey** or call ext.8293

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 **spring** 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**

ALSO AVAILABLE - By Appointment Instructional Design Sessions for SRSU Faculty

Sign up for a "By Appointment" session with an Instructional Development team member by using our convenient form and let us know what you'd like to go over. Schedule sessions for yourself, your program, or even your entire department! **[Register for a By Appointment session TODAY!](#)**

Spring Faculty Blackboard Ultra Conversion Project (for Summer 2024)

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. **Late last Fall, K16 converted copies of all relevant SRSU Blackboard online courses from Fall 2022 to Summer 2023 (an entire course rotation) in our Bb environment and are now in the process of adding the appropriate instructors into these Ultra converted course shells** so you can now access Ultra Sandbox versions of their Bb Original Courses (under the "Courses" tab) in Blackboard in anticipation of the summer/fall 2024 shift to Ultra Course View.

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 K16 has converted to Ultra **for 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:

-SHSU ONLINE AI CERTIFICATION COHORTS: Using Generative AI in Teaching & Learning

Enrollment for spring 2024 cohort of the Using Generative AI certification program is [now open!](#)

As technology continues to evolve, educators must be equipped with the tools to navigate the changing landscape of education. This course delves into the applications of AI in educational settings, exploring how AI can enhance instructional methods, foster personalized learning experiences, and contribute to the development of critical thinking skills in students.

This 5-week cohort is fully online and asynchronous, so interact with the course and complete activities at a time of day that is convenient for you. Space is limited:

- **Spring 2024 Cohort: 3/18 - 4/19 (NOW OPEN – 9 SRSU Seats Still Available) [Register today!](#)**

-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 TSUS/SHSU video series on the AI Design Assistant for Blackboard Learn Ultra