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 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:
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 Summer 2022 to Summer 2023 (an entire course rotation) in our Bb environment. SHSU Online reviewed the shells for quality and over the past several weeks have added the appropriate instructors into these Ultra converted course shells** so you can now access Ultra Sandbox versions of their Bb Original Courses. K16 conversions still require much work to function correctly and often need major reorganization, so when you locate a K16 course, please take a minute to find and review it for use as your "sandbox". (You can find your K16 converted courses under the TERM "UltraConversions" or by searching for "ultra.v2" in your Courses area.

For help with your K16 course – If you are a summer instructor, you should've received an email from SHSU **Senior Instructional Designer Rachel Scherer** offering to help you in preparing your summer courses in Ultra (and especially in utilizing a K16 course for this). If not, you can contact Rachel at:
Rachel.Scherer@shsu.edu
She'll set you up with a K16 Action Plan for summer (of course, she can also start Fall courses as well).

You can also contact: Tim Parsons and **Title V PPOHA -AAO Graduate Instructional Technology Specialist Rachel Carvajal** (for Graduate Instructors) f**or any help accessing and reviewing a K16 course to use as an Ultra "sandbox" course for your upcoming SUMM/FALL 2024 Blackboard.**

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

SPOTLIGHT ON: Our SRSU Faculty Instructional Designer Support email:
We have a new SRSU Faculty support email: IDSupport@sulross.edu. This exclusive SRSU faculty support email goes to a pool of TSUS-SHSU Instructional Designers and allows you to get a much faster one-on-one response to your SRSU Blackboard Ultra conversion or Instructional Design issue. **Don't hesitate to request a web-conference one-on-one with an ID!**

ALSO AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY: Digital Teaching How-to By Appointment
If you can't make the times for some of our Digital Teaching Webinars **why not sign up for a "By Appointment" session with an Instructional Development team member**? Use our convenient form and let us know what you'd like to go over and when you have availability. **Schedule By Appointment sessions for yourself, your program, or even your entire department!**
Register for a By Appointment session TODAY!

COMING NEXT WEEK: Bb Ultra Course View Transition Drop-ins
Need help organizing your newly transitioned Bb Ultra course? The Online Instructional Development team is hosing **Bb Ultra Course View Transition Drop-In sessions** to help instructors get a handle on their content and activities in Blackboard Ultra Course View. During the sessions, instructors can get one-on-one assistance in making sure their newly transitioned Ultra courses are organized and ready to go. **Faculty can sign up for a Bb Ultra Course View Transition Drop-In time block via th**e online instructional development session sign-up page.
The Online Instructional Development team will be hosting these sessions throughout the summer.

COMING JUNE 10-12: Meet In-Person with our TSUS-SHSU Faculty Development Team
M**eet the TSUS-SHSU Online team members in person on the Alpine campus on Monday, June 10th, Del Rio (morning) / Eagle Pass (afternoon) campuses on Tuesday, June 11th, and Uvalde campus on Wednesday June 12th),** and schedule to have one on one's with our SHSU/SRSU Instructional Designers over any topic OR EVEN request a custom, in-person workshop session for you or your dept/program instructors!

This is a great opportunity to meet in-person the support folks you've only known virtually over the past 4 years! **The SHSU Online support team will be available to cover:**

- Any questions you have involving your Blackboard Ultra course (especially Ultra gradebook questions).
- Any best practice recommendations on Blackboard Ultra tools or features you're using or would like to use (or can't find in Ultra).
- Any help on planning your jump to the Blackboard Ultra Course View for the fall (whether a single course or an entire program).
- Request to have any special Ultra workshop sessions done for your dept or program while onsite.
- Request to have your fall 2024 courses created in sandboxes or using K16 courses so that you can start developing them in Ultra.

SRSU Instructional Services / New Blackboard Tools & Features Update:

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

Enrollment for summer 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
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

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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 -**
  1 BB ULTRA - PLANNING FOR ULTRA COURSE VIEW
  2 BB ULTRA - CONTENT CREATION AND MANAGEMENT
  3 BB ULTRA - COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT
  4 BB ULTRA - ASSESSMENTS, TESTS & ASSIGNMENTS
  5 BB ULTRA - GRADING AND TRACKING STUDENT PERFORMANCE/PROGRESS