



## Presentation Information

For much more support info: Go to our [Blackboard Faculty Resources webpage!](#)

### **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](mailto:bernie.cantens@sulross.edu) or call ext.8866 / Office: BAB203

Contact Executive Assistant to the Provost Lou Pauls at [lpauls@sulross.edu](mailto:lpauls@sulross.edu) or call ext.8432

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### **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](mailto:jennifer.haan@sulross.edu)

OPDE/SRSU Online Courses website: <https://www.sulross.edu/online/>

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### **SRSU Instructional Services/Blackboard Ultra Transition Update: Summer Faculty Blackboard Ultra Conversion Project (for Fall 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. K16 conversions often need some reorganization, so when you locate a K16 course, please take a minute and review it for use as your “sandbox”. (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 fall instructor, you should’ve received an email from SHSU Senior Instructional Designer Rachel Scherer offering to help you in preparing your fall courses in Ultra (and especially in utilizing a K16 course for this). If not, you can contact Rachel at: [Rachel.Scherer@shsu.edu](mailto:Rachel.Scherer@shsu.edu) She’ll set you up with a K16 Action Plan for fall OR Spring 2025

You can also contact: Tim Parsons and Title V PPOHA -AAO Graduate Instructional Technology Specialist [Rachel Carvajal](#) (for Graduate Instructors) for any help accessing and reviewing a K16 course to use as an Ultra “sandbox” course for your upcoming FALL 2024 Blackboard.

Watch this TSUS/SHSU video series [“So I Received My Converted Blackboard Course, Now What?”](#)

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### **SPOTLIGHT ON: Our SRSU Faculty Instructional Designer Support email:**

We have a new SRSU Faculty support email: [IDSupport@sulross.edu](mailto: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!](#)

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**ENROLL NOW FOR FALL 2024 ULTRA CERTIFICATION COHORTS (\$500 completion stipend):**

Our two Online Course (Ultra) Redesign & Faculty Certification Cohorts are coming up!  
PERFECT for redesigning a 2025 spring, summer, or Fall course in Ultra!

**Fall 2024 Ultra Redesign & Faculty Certification Cohort Dates - Enrollment is now open!**

[Register Today!](#)

·Cohort 1: 09/09/24 - 10/11/24 (10 SRSU seats available)

·Cohort 2: 10/21/24 - 11/22/24 (10 SRSU seats available)

**SRSU Instructional Services / New Blackboard Tools & Features Update:**

**SPOTLIGHT ON:** We now have a new tool in Ultra! Content Designer for Bb Ultra documents has become available in TSUS Blackboard. SHSU Online has put together a video walk-thru that covers the new Content Designer for Ultra documents, as well as another great new feature, the ability to Convert a File into a content block in an Ultra document. We've prepared some resources to assist you as you leverage the Content Designer to improve your Ultra Documents:

- [Video Walkthrough: Content Designer & File Converter](#)
- [Ultra Document Content Designer - QuickStart Guide](#)

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

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

**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:**

·**Fall 2024 Cohort:** 9/30 - 11/8 (**NOW OPEN – 10 SRSU Seats Still Available**) [Register today!](#)

**-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](#)**