SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Fall 2024
Alpine Campus Brown Bag Event

WHAT: Fall 2024 Instructional Services at SRSU Update
WHEN: Friday, Sept 20, 2024, from Noon to 1:15pm

Welcome & Opening

Provost Bernie Canteñs

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 & Rachel Carvajal – 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
Santana taranga – Control Systems Technician
Juan Garza - Technical Support Specialist II RGC
Giselle Garcia- Technical Support Specialist II RGC
Sindy Ortiz -Technical Support Specialist II RGC
Manuel Martinez – Technical Support Specialist II ALP
Pedro-Alcario Garcia – Technical Support Specialist II ALP
Andrey Dubovik – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

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SRSU OIT Update

Jacob Fuentes
OIT Chief Information Officer

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SRSU Library Resources Update

Betsy Helesic
Director of Library and Archives

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SRSU Current & New Grants Supporting Tech Update

Kendall Craig
Executive Grant Director

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SRSU Fac/Staff Professional Development

Kayla Waggoner
Director of Institutional Assessment and Planning

Pack First Professional Development Initiative

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SRSU Communications Spotlight

Bobby (BobbyG) Greeson

SRSU Media Specialist

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New SRSU Blackboard Features

Rachel Carvajal

SRSU PPOHA Instructional Designer & Team Blackboard

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Our Transition to Ultra Course View Going Forward

Tim Parsons

SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

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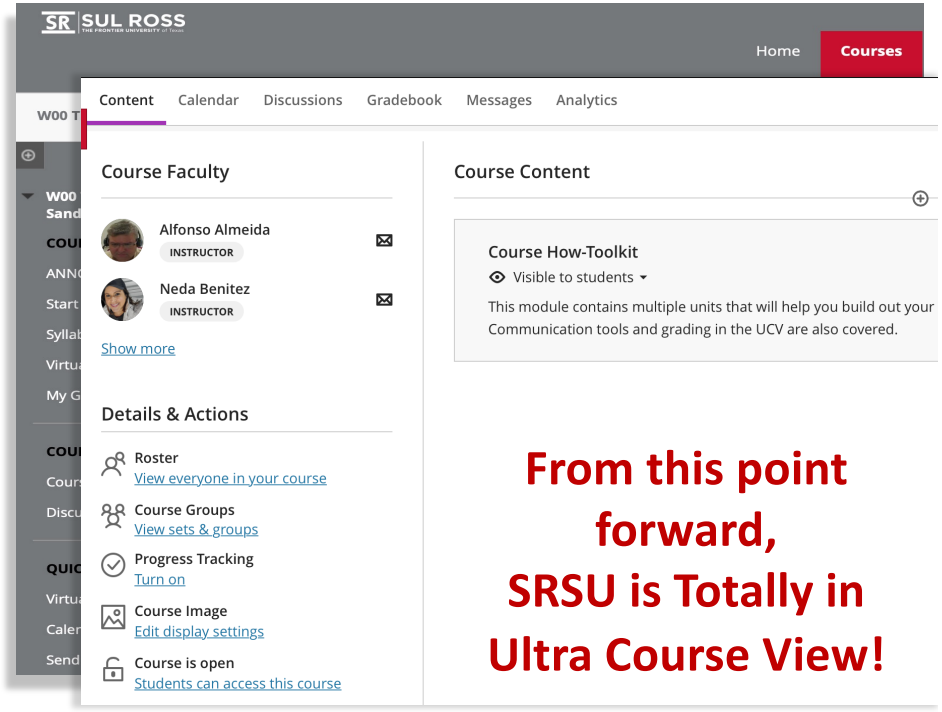
QUESTION: Was SRSU's Move to Blackboard Ultra a Smooth & Successful transition?

ANSWER: Yes it was. SRSU made an early "soft launch" to Ultra in summer 2024, ahead of our other Partner schools, and this was a HUGE factor in our "hard launch" to Ultra this fall going as smoothly as it did.

Things we need to work on through the fall:

1) Get all our SRSU Org courses Ultra converted
2) Master your Ultra Gradebook
3) Convert your spring 2025 courses to Ultra



From this point forward, SRSU is Totally in Ultra Course View!

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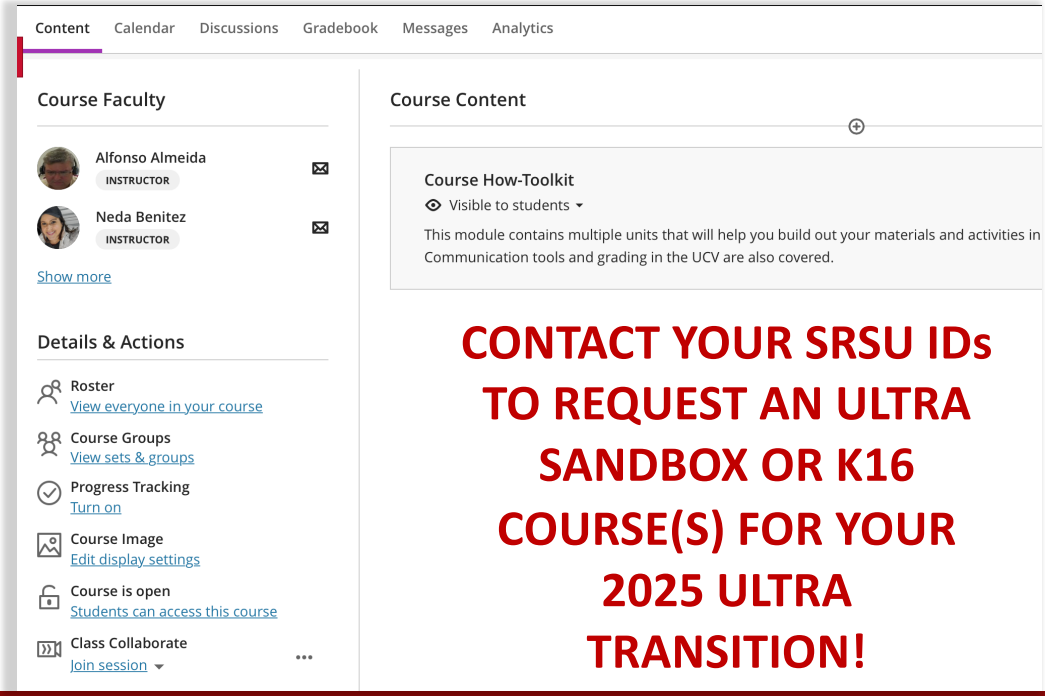
QUESTION: How can I start immediately transitioning my Organization courses and/or upcoming for spring/summer/fall 2025 Blackboard courses to the Ultra Course View?

ANSWER: Our Partnership procured the services of a company (K16) who converted copies of SRSU Bb online courses from previous semesters to Ultra W the original instructors re-added.

Ask an ID to help you find/use a K16 course
OR create a sandbox for you to build out in.

For Org courses, we can transition your OCV Org Site to an Ultra Org site immediately upon request.



CONTACT YOUR SRSU IDs TO REQUEST AN ULTRA SANDBOX OR K16 COURSE(S) FOR YOUR 2025 ULTRA TRANSITION!

Ultra Course/Org Conversion Support:

Rachel Scherer - rachel.scherer@shsu.edu
Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu
Rachel Carvajal *(Grad Bb Instructors)* - rachel.carvajal@sulross.edu

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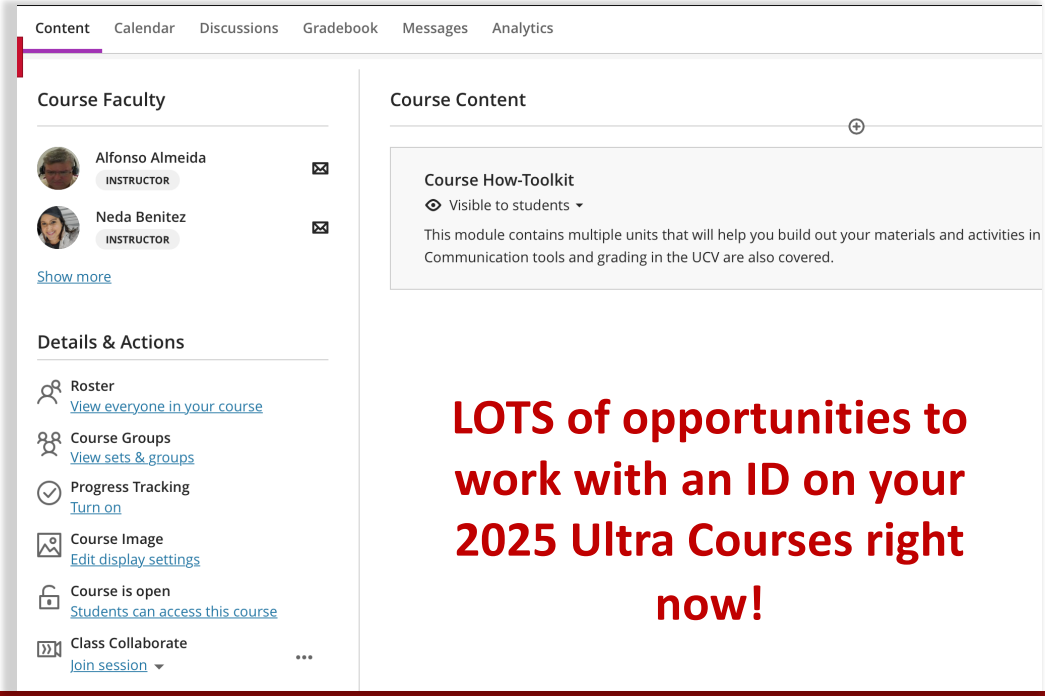
SRSU Ultra Training & Support:

SRSU Faculty Instructional Designer Support email: IDSupport@sulross.edu

AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

SRSU Faculty Support email: IDSupport@sulross.edu
This SRSU faculty support email goes straight 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 & Instructional Design issues!

Digital Teaching How-to By Appointment
Schedule By Appointment Ultra sessions for yourself, your program, or even your entire department!



LOTS of opportunities to work with an ID on your 2025 Ultra Courses right now!

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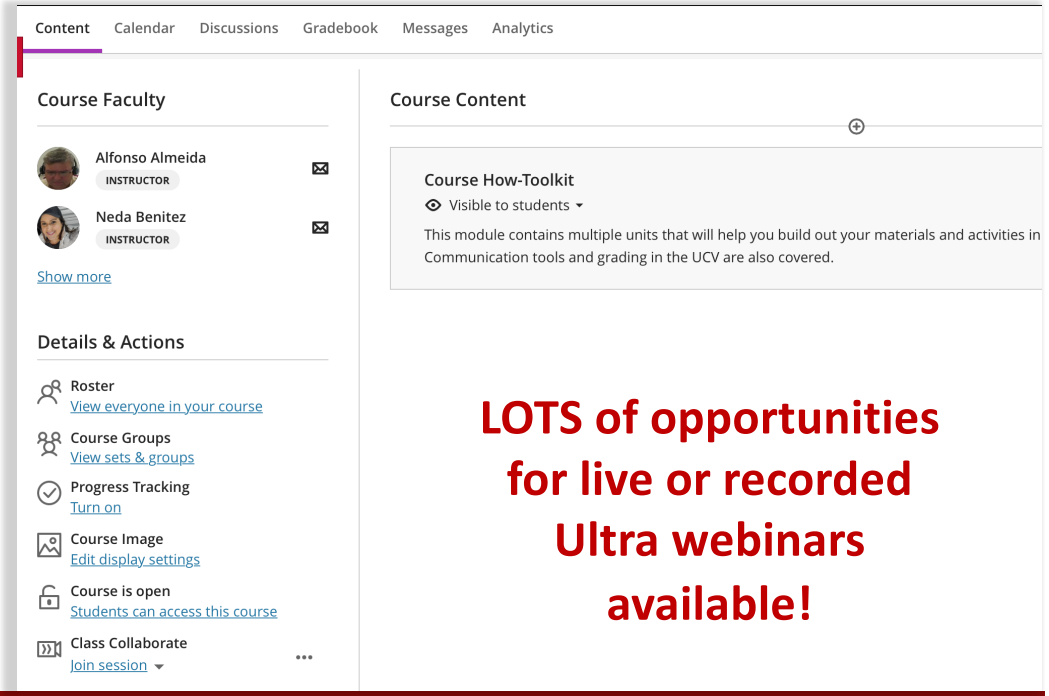
AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars for Sept/Oct:

•Some of these new webinars are 30 minute "Ultra Express" mini-session!

9/24 at 3pm – Groups & Group Work in Bb Ultra
10/2 at 2pm - Spicing up Your Ultra Course with Images and Multimedia
10/7 at 3pm - What's New in Blackboard for October
10/10 at 3pm - Using the Bb Ultra Gradebook for In-Person Courses
•10/15 at 2pm - *Bb Ultra Express*: Adding Content
•10/17 at 3pm - *Bb Ultra Express*: Communication Tools
•10/21 at 2pm - Bb Ultra Express: Grading Student Work
10/24 at 3pm - Release Conditions in Ultra: Controlled Release of Course Content
10/28 at 2pm - Supporting Face-to-Face Courses with Bb Ultra



LOTS of opportunities for live or recorded Ultra webinars available!

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AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:
Ultra Resources Available in the Faculty Central "Teaching Online with Blackboard" Organization Site

SPOTLIGHT: In the ”Ultra Webinar Recordings" folder you'll find the latest recorded SHSU Online Ultra webinars such as:
- **Ultra 5 Pack of digital teaching webinars**

SPOTLIGHT: In the ”TSUS Faculty Development Day " folders for 2023 & 2024 you'll find resources and al ULTRA session recordings from both events!

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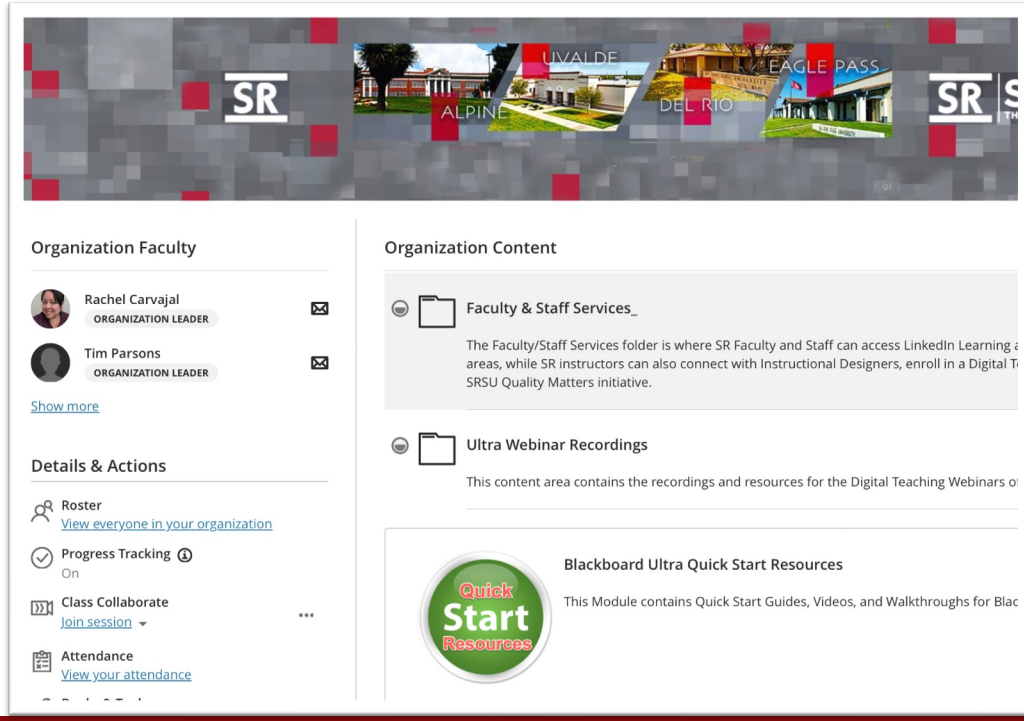

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Ultra Training/Support/Events Coming This Fall:

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AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

FALL 2024 Ultra Redesign & Certification Cohorts

PERFECT for redesigning a 2025 spring, summer, or Fall course in Ultra!

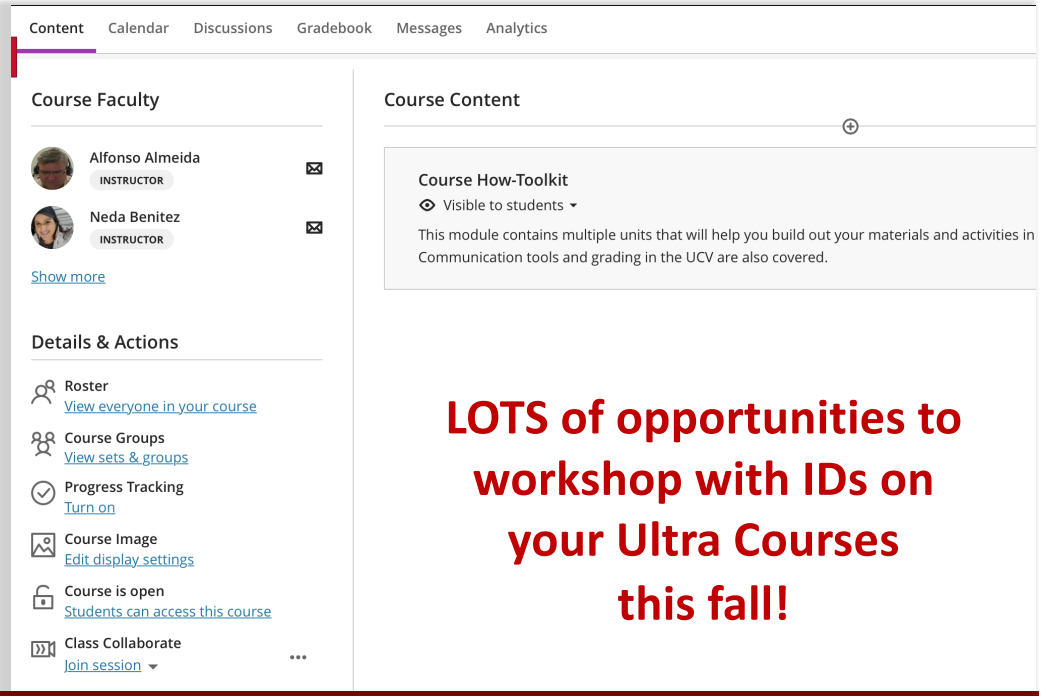
- ~~**Cohort 1:** 09/09/24 - 10/11/24~~ **(Currently Underway)**
- **Cohort 2:** 10/21/24 - 11/22/24 (**7 SRSU seats available**)

**$500 stipend & 25 professional development hours for the year 2024 upon completion.

SHSU Online Fall AI Certification Cohorts:

Using Generative AI in Teaching & Learning

- **Cohort 1:** 09/30/24 - 11/08/24 (6 SRSU seats available)
- **Cohort 2:** 10/14/24 - 11/22/24 (8 SRSU seats available)



LOTS of opportunities to workshop with IDs on your Ultra Courses this fall!

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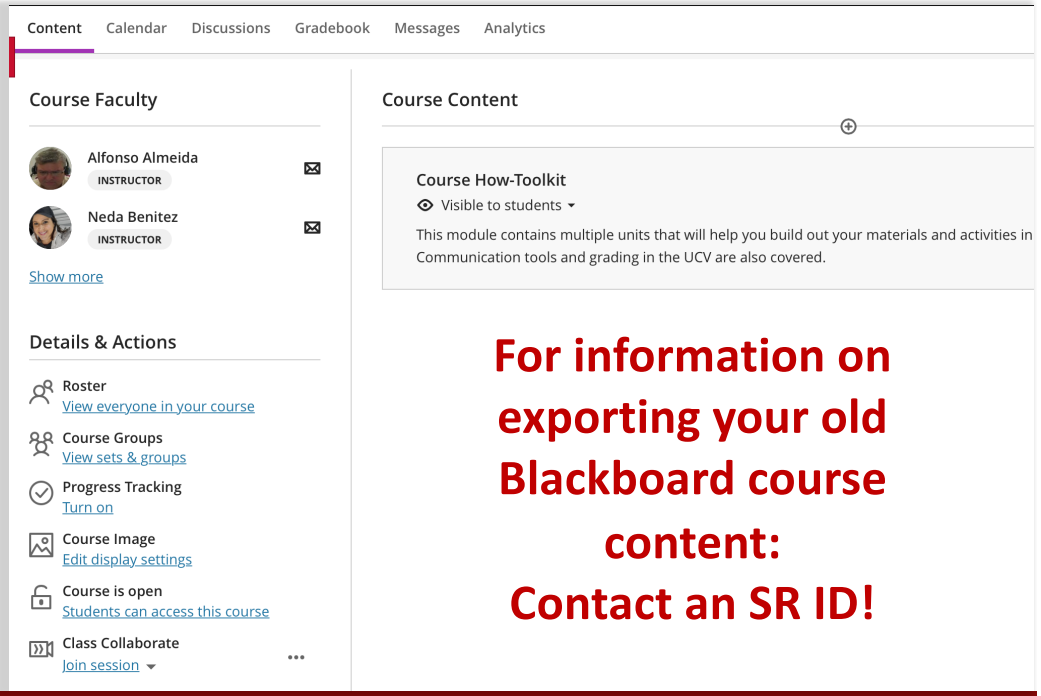
SRSU Blackboard Housekeeping Update:

LATER THIS FALL WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING A PURGE OF 2018 – 2020 SRSU BLACKBOARD COURSES OFF OUR TSUS-SRSU BLACKBOARD ENVIRONMENT

Don't worry! Before we do anything we'll have an awareness campaign that will cover the following:

- How we've already backed up these courses
- How to export your old course content
- How to import old course content into Ultra shells

Keep an eye out for a November Virtual Brown Bag covering this topic and much more for the spring!



For information on exporting your old Blackboard course content: Contact an SR ID!

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SRSU Division of Online Learning & Distance Education
Quality Matters Update

Dr. Jennifer Haan
Director of the Online Learning and Distance Education Division

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THANK YOU!