SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Spring 2025
Alpine Campus Brown Bag Event

WHAT: Spring 2025 Instructional Services at SRSU Update
WHEN: Friday, February 7th, 2025, from 11:50am to 1:10pm

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

Jacob Spradlin – Executive Director of Online Instructional Development and Support
Ricki Lee Hodges Neri – TSUS Blackboard Master Administrator
Daniel Walker - Director for Online Technology Support Operations
Ray Scheel - Associate Director for Course Development
Jason Woodall - Associate Director of Online Instructional Development and Support
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

Patrick Stewart – Chief information Officer (both **SRSU & Lamar**)

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 Security Update

Paedric Rayburn
OIT Network Specialist
Sarah Sheffield
OIT Informational Security Specialist

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Instructional Services / Blackboard Instructional Designer

SRSU Technology Training Update

Rachel Carvajal

SRSU PPOHA Instructional Technology Specialist

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SRSU Library Resources Update

Betsy Helesic
Director of Library and Archives

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Office of Institutional Effectiveness Update
SRSU Fac/Staff Professional Development

Kayla Waggoner
Director of Institutional Assessment and Planning

Pack First Professional Development Initiative

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SRSU Current/New Grants Supporting Technology Update

Kendall Craig
Executive Grant Director

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SRSU Office of Development and Advancement & Museum of the Big Bend Update

Dr. John Klingemann
Interim VP of Development & Advancement
Director Museum of the Big Bend

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SRSU Media & Communications Spotlight

Bobby (BobbyG) Greeson
SRSU Media Specialist

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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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Instructional Services / Blackboard Development & Support

SRSU Blackboard Ultra Faculty Update

Tim Parsons

SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

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SRSU Ultra Training & Support:

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

AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

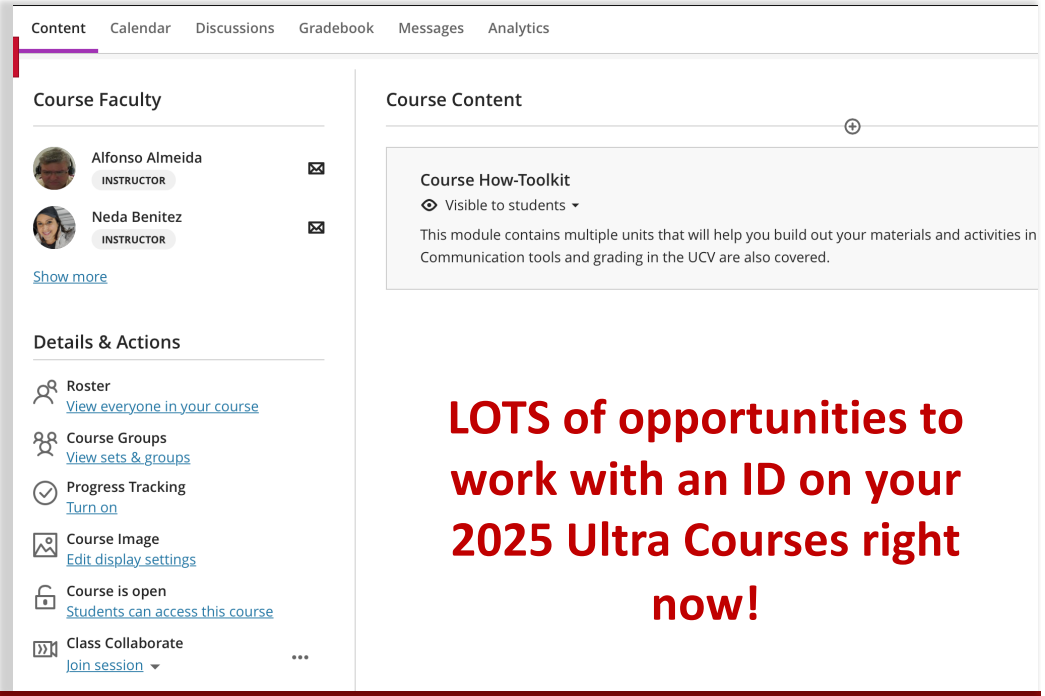
SRSU Faculty Support email: IDSupport@sulross.edu goes straight to a pool of TSUS-SHSU Instructional Designers and allows you to get a much faster one-on-one response to your SRSU Blackboard Ultra Instructional Design issues!

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

SRSU Campus Faculty Support:

Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu

Rachel Carvajal *(Graduate Instructors)* - rachel.carvajal@sulross.edu



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-SRSU Digital Educator Certification Cohort

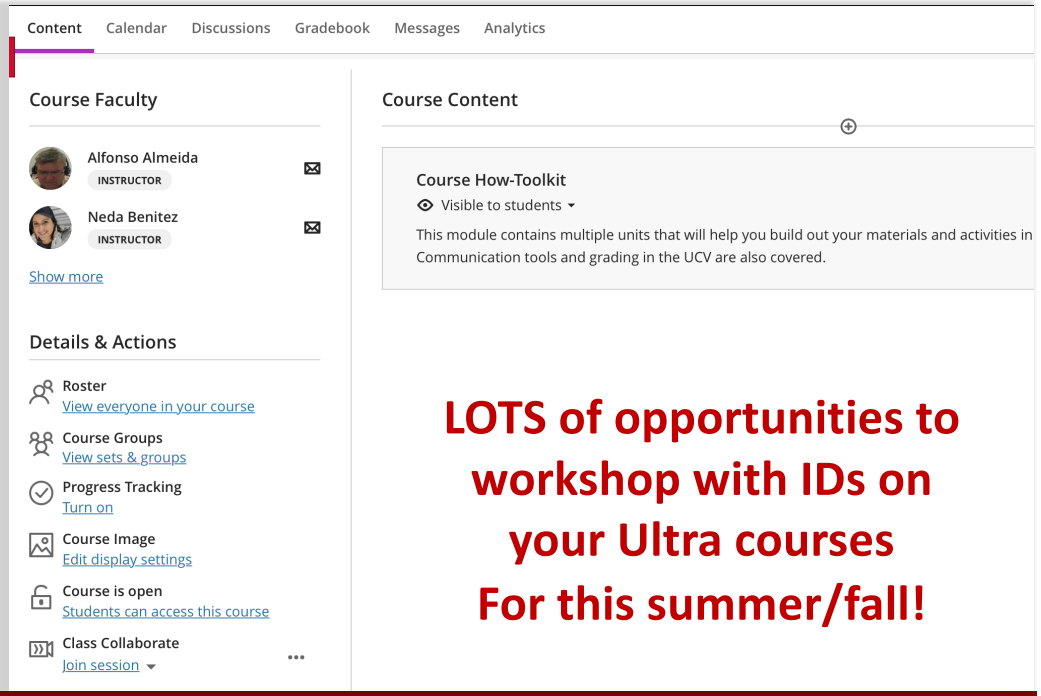
PERFECT for redesigning a 2025 summer or Fall course in Ultra!

-**Spring 2025 Cohort STARTS MONDAY:** 02/10/25 - 04/11/25
(**6 SRSU seats still available of 20 total**)
$500 stipend & 25 professional development hours for the year 2025 upon completion. **Still time to enroll!

SHSU Online Spring 2025 AI Certification Cohort:

Using Generative AI in Teaching & Learning

-Spring 2025 Cohort: 03/24/25 - 05/02/25
(**5 SRSU seats available of 10 total**)



LOTS of opportunities to workshop with IDs on your Ultra courses For this summer/fall!

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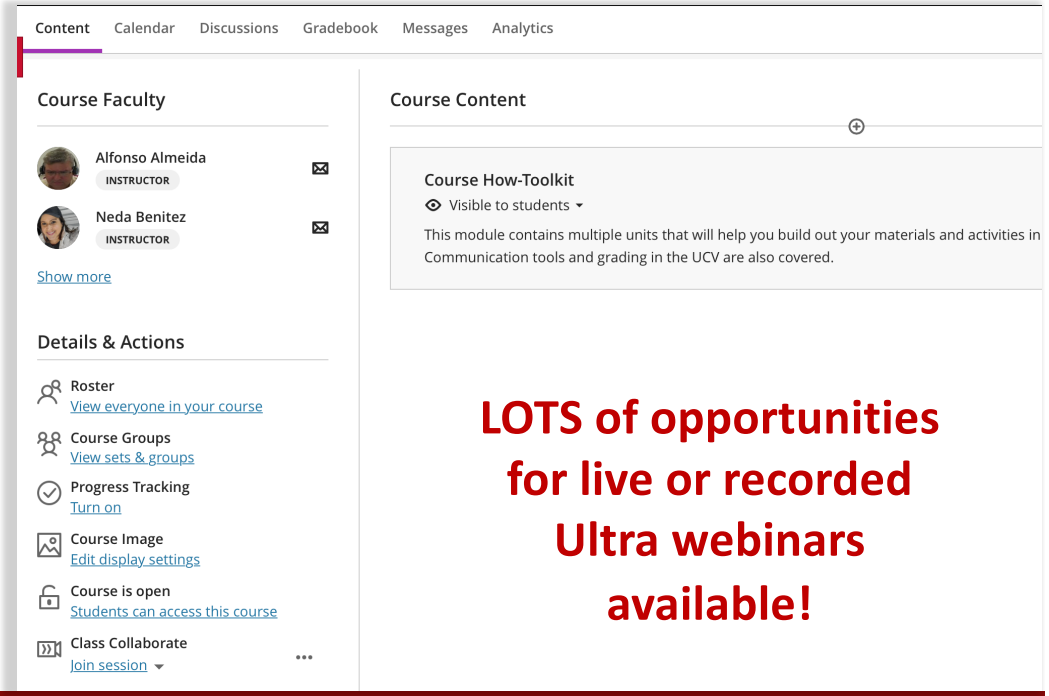
SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars for February:

These FREE webinars are about 45 min to an hour in length.

2/10 @ 1pm - What's New in Blackboard
2/11 @ 1pm - Student feedback Strategies
2/14 @ 3pm - AI Design Assistant
2/17 @2pm - Bb Ultra - AI Conversations
2/18 @ 1pm - Bb Ultra Communication & Engagement
2/20 @ 11am - Grading and Tracking Student Performance/Progress
2/24 @ 2pm - Group Collaboration and Engagement
2/26 @ 1pm - Content and Assessment Release Conditions
2/27 @ 11am - Strategies for Increasing Student Participation and Motivation



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 Gradebook: Mastering Grading for Faculty Success**
- **Ultra 5 Pack of Digital Teaching Webinars**

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

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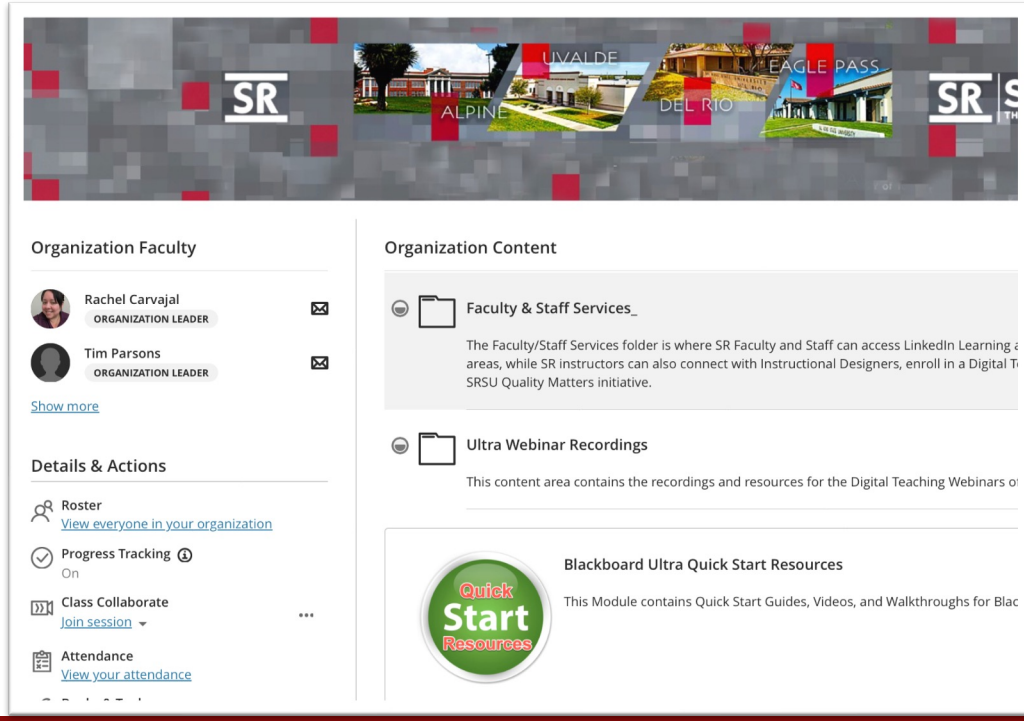

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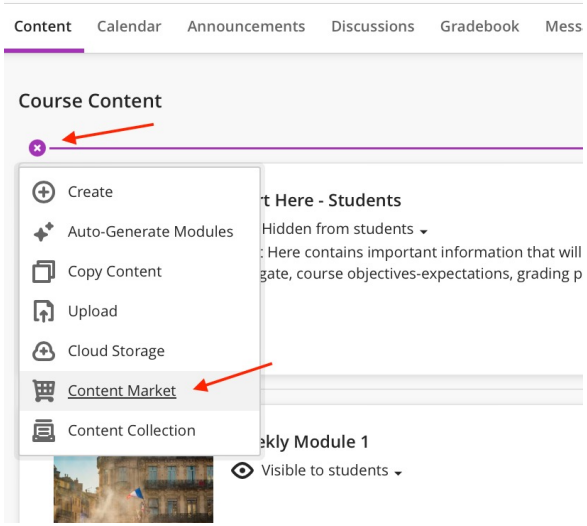
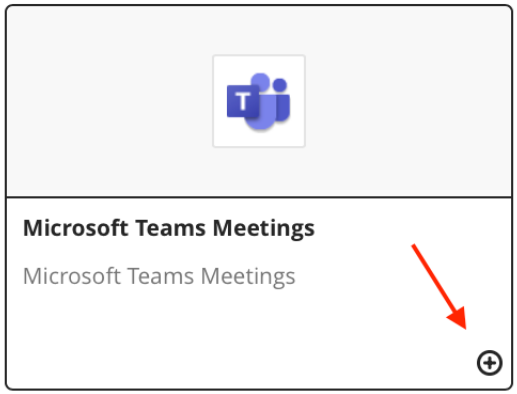
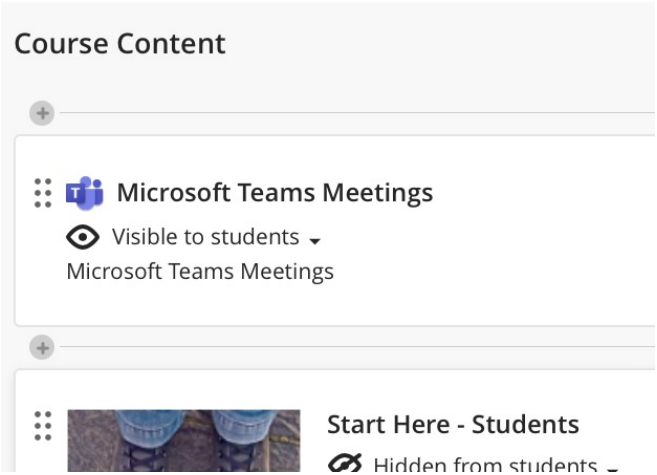
Blackboard New Feature Spotlight: MS Teams Meeting Tool

The MS Teams Meeting tool is now integrated into our TSUS-SRSU Blackboard and can be found in the "Books & Tools" Content Market area.







For information on adding/using the MS Teams Meeting feature to you Blackboard course content area Contact a TSUS-SRSU Instructional Designer!

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THANK YOU!