



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

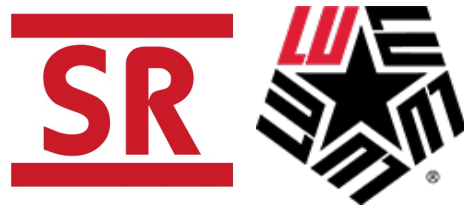
Sindy Ortiz -Technical Support Specialist II RGC

Manuel Martinez – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

Pedro-Alcario Garcia – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

Andrey Dubovik – Technical Support Specialist II ALP





SRSU OIT Security Update

Paedric Rayburn

OIT Network Specialist

Sarah Sheffield

OIT Informational Security Specialist



Instructional Services / Blackboard Instructional Designer
SRSU Technology Training Update

Rachel Carvajal
SRSU PPOHA Instructional Technology Specialist



SRSU Library Resources Update

Betsy Helesic

Director of Library and Archives



Office of Institutional Effectiveness Update SRSU Fac/Staff Professional Development

Kayla Waggoner

Director of Institutional Assessment and Planning
Pack First Professional Development Initiative



SRSU Current/New Grants Supporting Technology Update

Kendall Craig
Executive Grant Director



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



SRSU Media & Communications Spotlight

Bobby (BobbyG) Greeson
SRSU Media Specialist



SRSU Division of Online Learning & Distance Education Quality Matters Update

Dr. Jennifer Haan

Director of the Online Learning and Distance Education Division



Instructional Services / Blackboard Development & Support

SRSU Blackboard Ultra Faculty Update

Tim Parsons

SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

SRSU Ultra Training & Support:

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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!

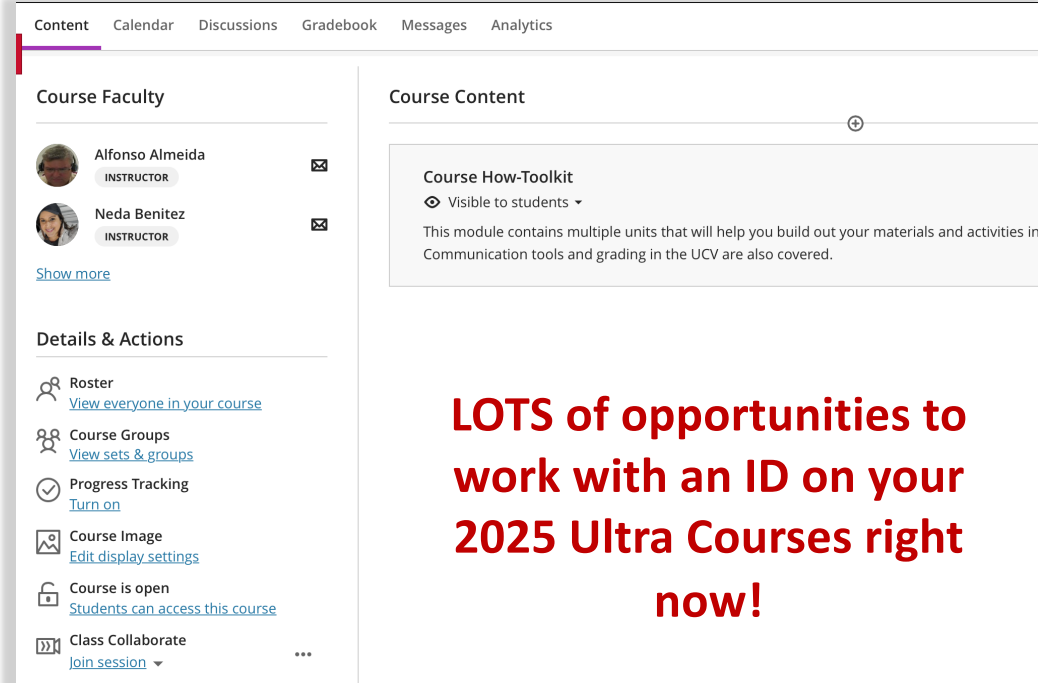
Digital Teaching How-to By Appointment:

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



The screenshot shows the Blackboard Ultra course interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Content, Calendar, Discussions, Gradebook, Messages, and Analytics. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Course Faculty', lists two instructors: Alfonso Almeida and Neda Benitez, both with 'INSTRUCTOR' roles and email icons. Below this is a 'Show more' link. The right column, titled 'Course Content', shows a 'Course How-Toolkit' module with a 'Visible to students' toggle and a description: 'This module contains multiple units that will help you build out your materials and activities in Communication tools and grading in the UCV are also covered.' Below the main content area, there is a 'Details & Actions' section with links for Roster, Course Groups, Progress Tracking, Course Image, Course is open, and Class Collaborate.

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

SRSU Ultra Training & Support:

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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!

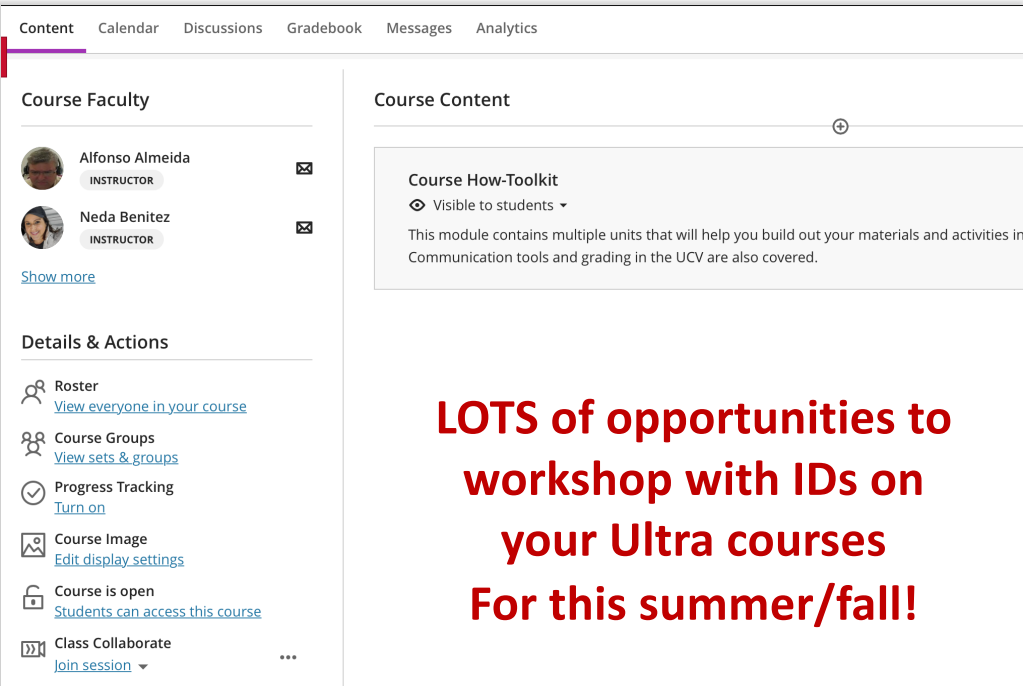
-Spring 2025 Cohort STARTS MONDAY: 02/10/25 - 04/11/25
(6 SRSU seats still available of 20 total)

****\$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)



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workshop with IDs on
your Ultra courses
For this summer/fall!**

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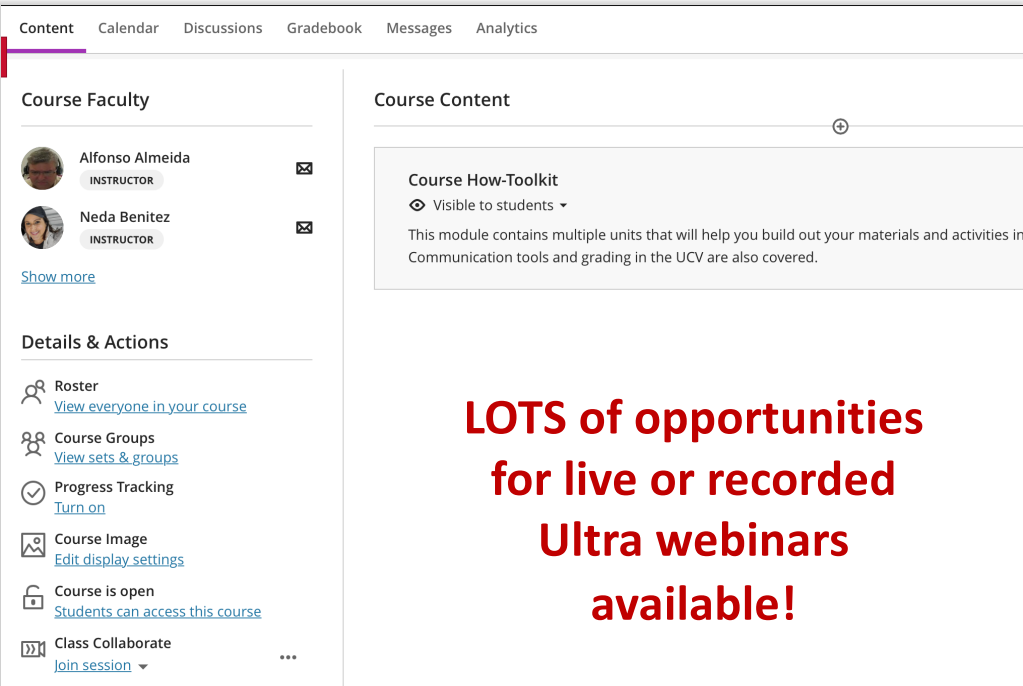
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SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars for February:

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



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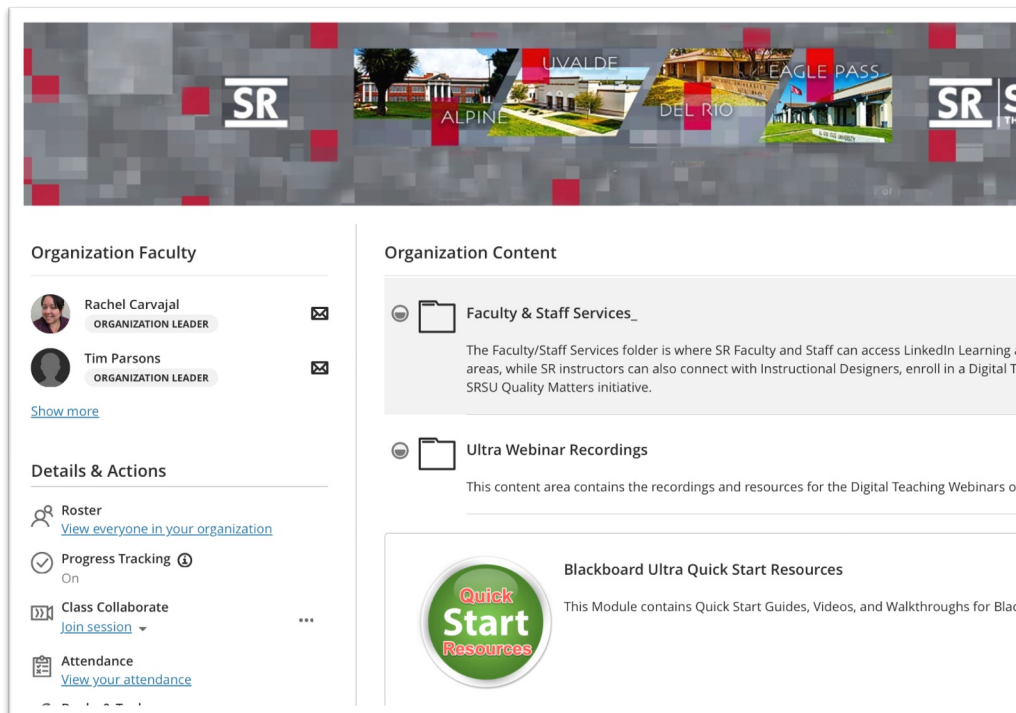
**Ultra Resources Available in the Faculty Central
"Teaching Online with Blackboard" Organization Site**

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**

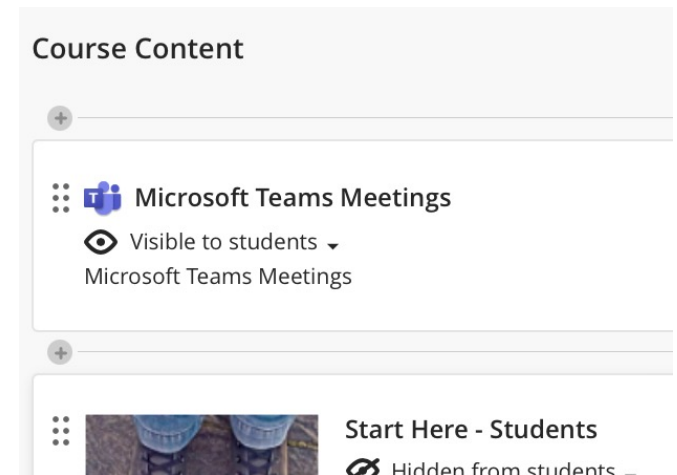
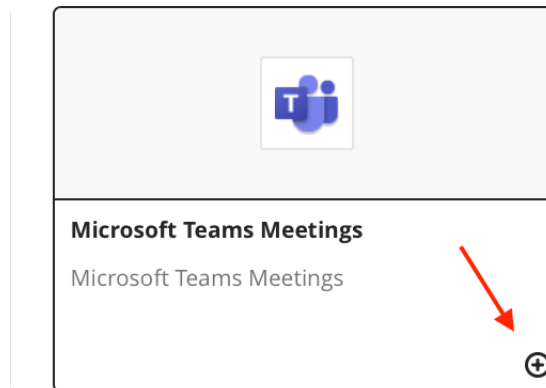
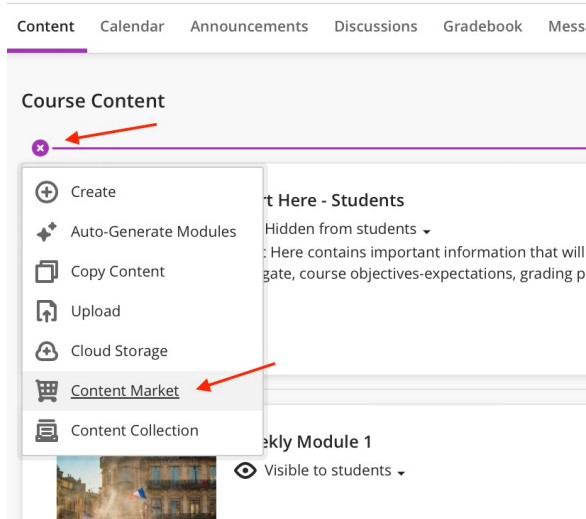
SPOTLIGHT: In the "TSUS Faculty Development Day" folders for 2023 & 2024 you'll find resources and all ULTRA session recordings from both events!

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Ultra webinars available!**



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!

