



SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Spring 2025
Virtual Brown Bag / Faculty Forum Event

WHAT: Spring 2025 Instructional Services at SRSU Update

WHEN: Friday, April 25th, 2025, from Noon to 1:30pm





Welcome & Opening

Dean Laura Payne

Dean of the College of Graduate Studies & Online Education

Dean of the Case College of Literature, Arts & Social Sciences (LASS)

(...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

Patrick Smith – Director for Course Development

Elliot Cochran / Faith Miller - Instructional Designer / Research Associate

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 DR/EP/UV

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 - Eagle Pass

Giselle Garcia- Technical Support Specialist II - Del Rio

Sindy Ortiz -Technical Support Specialist II - Uvalde

Manuel Martinez – Technical Support Specialist II - Alpine

Pedro-Alcario Garcia – Technical Support Specialist II - Alpine

Andrey Dubovik – Technical Support Specialist II - Alpine





Instructional Services / Blackboard Development & Support

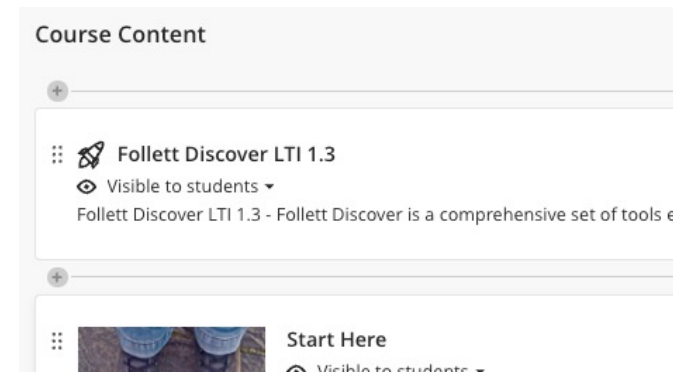
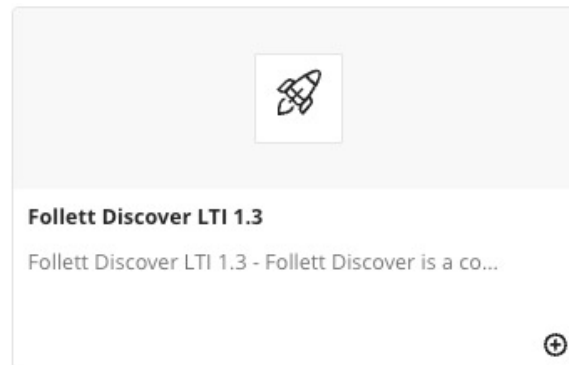
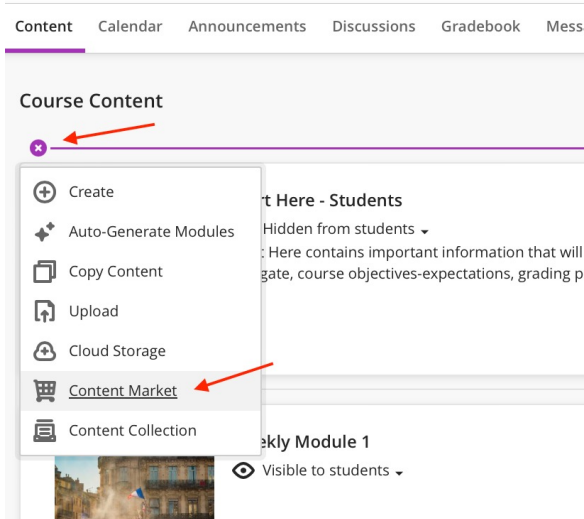
SRSU Blackboard Ultra Faculty Update

Tim Parsons

SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

Blackboard New Feature Spotlight: Follett Discovery Tool

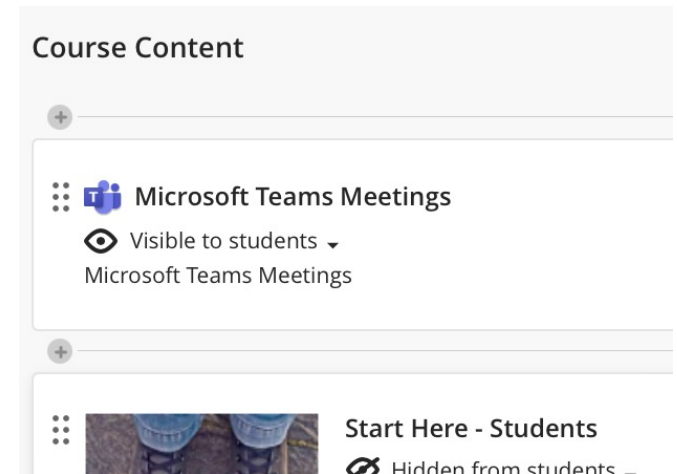
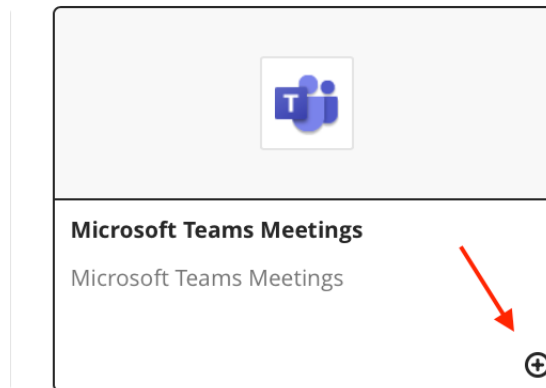
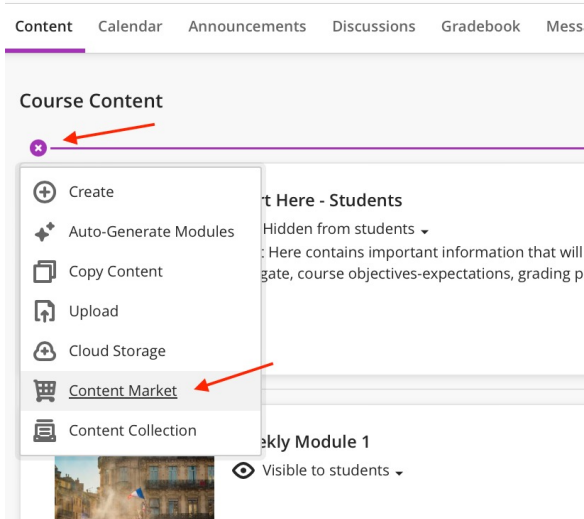
The Follett Discovery tool is now integrated into our TSUS-SRSU Blackboard and can be found in the “Books & Tools” Content Market area.



For information on adding/using the Follett Discovery tool in your Blackboard course content area Contact a TSUS-SRSU Instructional Designer or email sullyshelf@follett.com!

Blackboard New Feature Spotlight: MS Teams Meeting Tool

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Instructional Services / Blackboard Instructional Designer
SRSU Technology Training Update

Rachel Carvajal
SRSU PPOHA Instructional Technology Specialist

SRSU Ultra Training & Support – Using AI Tools in Ultra:

SRSU 24/7 Blackboard Support - email: blackboardsupport@sulross.edu **OR call toll-free - 888.837.6055**

AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

Digital Teaching How-to By Appointment:

Schedule By Appointment Ultra sessions for yourself, your program, or even your entire department!

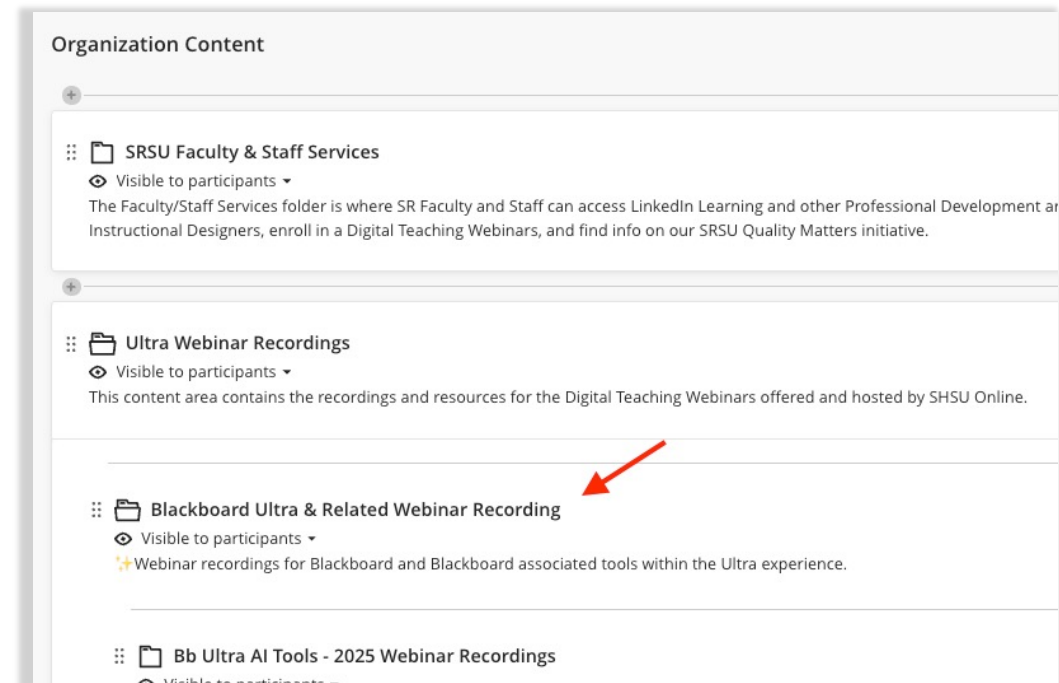
SRSU Campus Faculty Support – Using Bb AI tools:

Rachel Carvajal - rachel.carvajal@sulross.edu

SRSU Faculty Central "Teaching Online with Blackboard" Organization Site:

In the "Ultra Webinar Recordings" folder you'll find the latest recorded SHSU Ultra webinars including:

- **Bb Ultra AI Tools - 2025 Webinar Recordings** folder



SRSU Ultra Training & Support – Using AI Tools in Ultra:

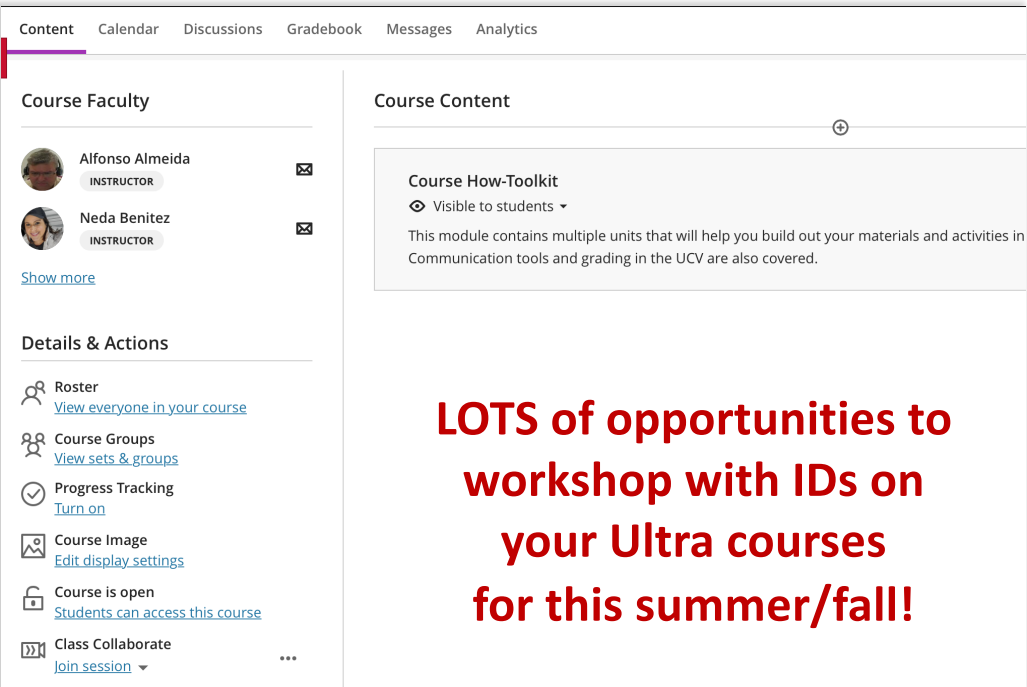
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AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

SHSU Online Summer 2025 AI Certification Cohort: ***Using Generative AI in Teaching & Learning***

-Summer 2025 Cohort: 06/23/25 - 08/01/25
(10 SRSU seats available)

This 6-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. **Enroll NOW (see your weekly Faculty Blackboard Newsletter)!**



The screenshot displays the Blackboard Ultra course interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Content, Calendar, Discussions, Gradebook, Messages, and Analytics. The left sidebar shows the 'Course Faculty' section with two instructors: Alfonso Almeida and Neda Benitez, each with an email icon and a 'Show more' link. Below this is the 'Details & Actions' section with links for Roster, Course Groups, Progress Tracking, Course Image, Course is open, and Class Collaborate. The main content area shows 'Course Content' with a 'Course How-Toolkit' module that is visible to students and contains multiple units for building materials and activities.

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

Ultra Training & Support Coming This Summer:

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SHSU Online Summer 2025:

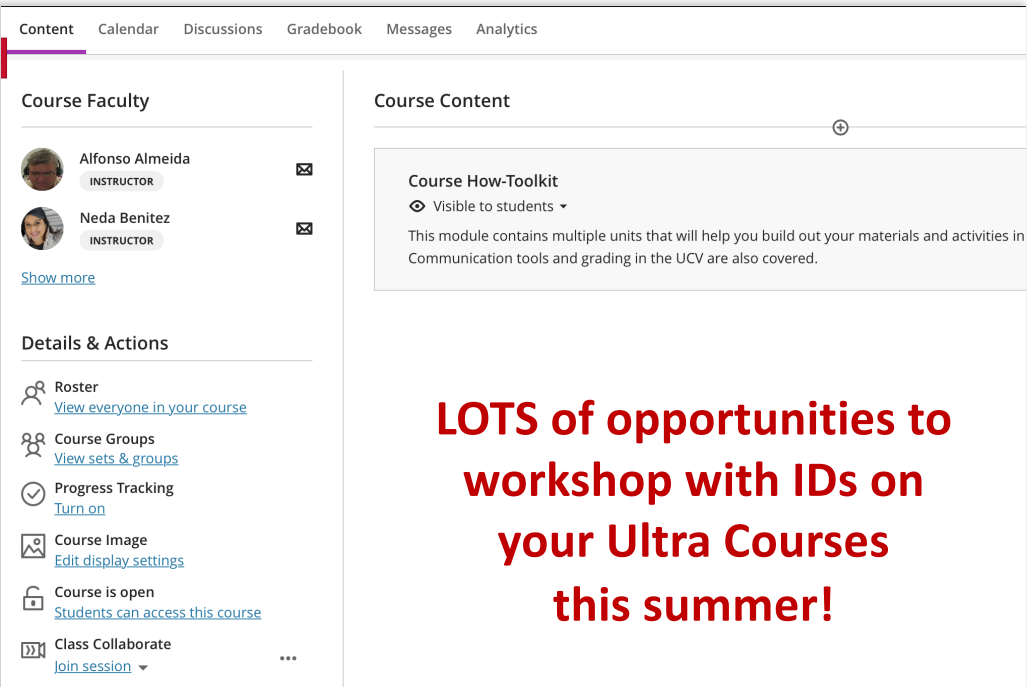
Digital Educator Certification Cohort

-Summer 2025 8-week Cohort: 06/09/25 - 08/01/25
(20 SRSU seats available - \$500 Stipend / 25 hrs Prof Dev)

COMING JUNE 9-10: Meet In-Person with our **TSUS-SHSU ALL STAR Faculty Development Team**

The SHSU Faculty Development team will be on the **Alpine campus**
on Monday, June 9th and **Eagle Pass campus on Tuesday, June 10th!**

Schedule to have one-on-one's with SHSU/SRSU Instructional Designers
over any topic OR EVEN request a custom, in-person workshop session for
you or your dept/program instructors!



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SRSU Division of Online Learning & Distance Education Update

Dr. Jennifer Haan

Director of the Online Learning and Distance Education Division



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THANK YOU!

