



**SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Fall 2025**

Virtual Brown Bag / SHSU Town Hall-Faculty Forum Event

WHAT: Fall 2025 Instructional Services at SRSU Update

WHEN: Friday, November 14th, 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

Daniel Walker - Executive Director of Online Student Engagement & Technologies Support

Ricki Lee Hodges Neri – TSUS Blackboard Master Administrator

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 – Senior Network System Admin

Carlos Guzman – Network System Admin

Sarah Sheffield – Information Security Specialist

Dominick Percoco – Director of Academic Technology

Scott Polk – LTAC Helpdesk Coordinator

Amy McFerrin – Administrative Coordinator

Santana Taranga – Control Systems Technician

Juan Garza - Technical Support Specialist II - Eagle Pass

Giselle Garcia- Technical Support Specialist II - Del Rio

Pedro-Alcario Garcia – Technical Support Specialist II - Alpine

Andrey Dubovik – Technical Support Specialist II - Alpine





Instructional Services / Blackboard Development & Support

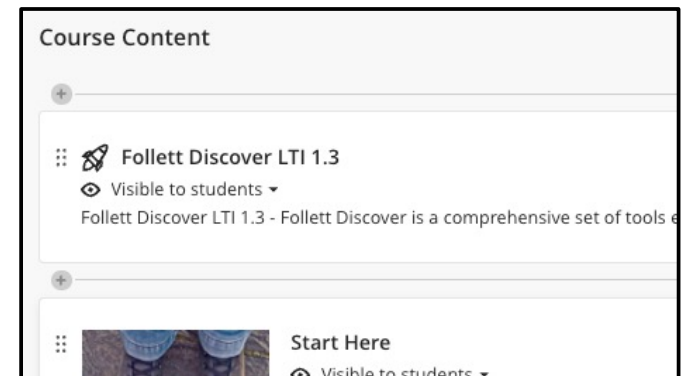
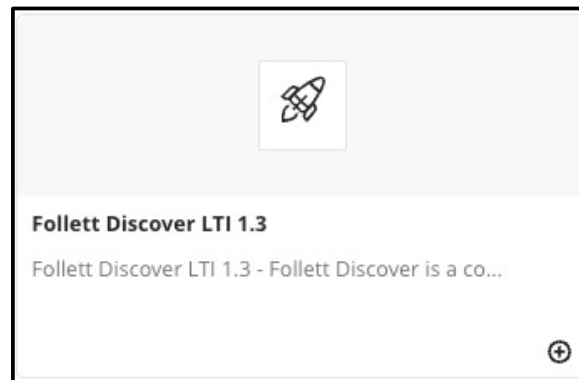
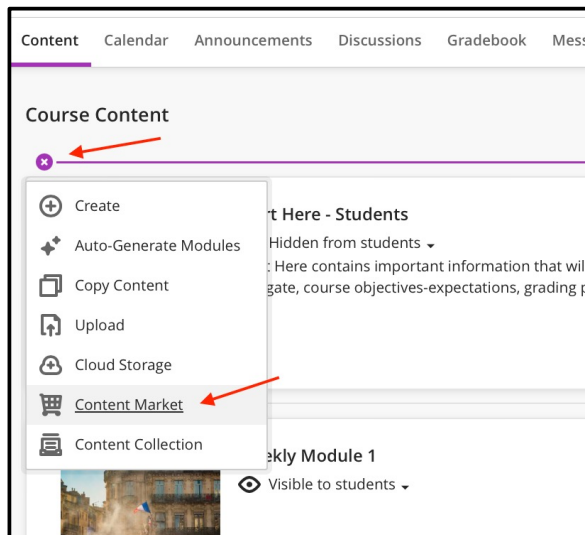
SRSU Blackboard Ultra Faculty Update

Tim Parsons

SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

SRSU Blackboard Tool Spotlight: Follett Discovery Tool

The Follett Discovery tool is 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!

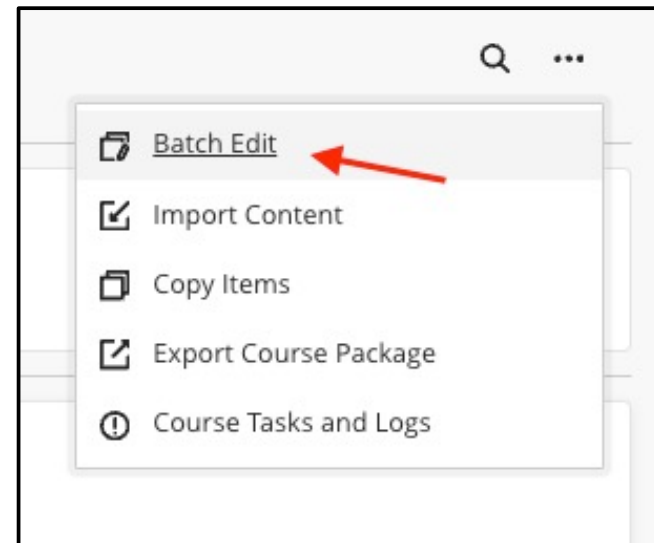
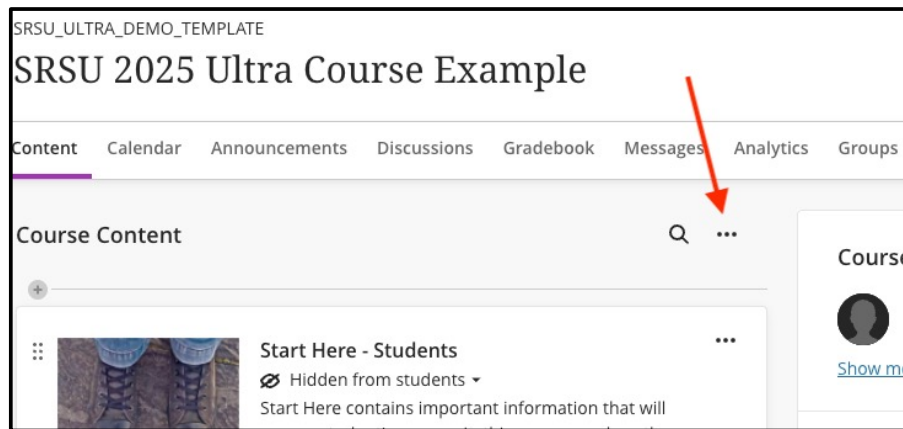


Instructional Services / Blackboard Instructional Designer
SRSU Technology Training Update

Rachel Carvajal
SRSU PPOHA Instructional Technology Specialist

Blackboard Under-Used Feature Spotlight: Batch Edit

From the (...) at the top right of the Course Content screen choose "Batch Edit" from the menu to batch edit assignment dates, batch edit visibility, or batch delete items from one screen.



For more info on using the Batch Edit feature contact a TSUS-SRSU Instructional Designer!

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:

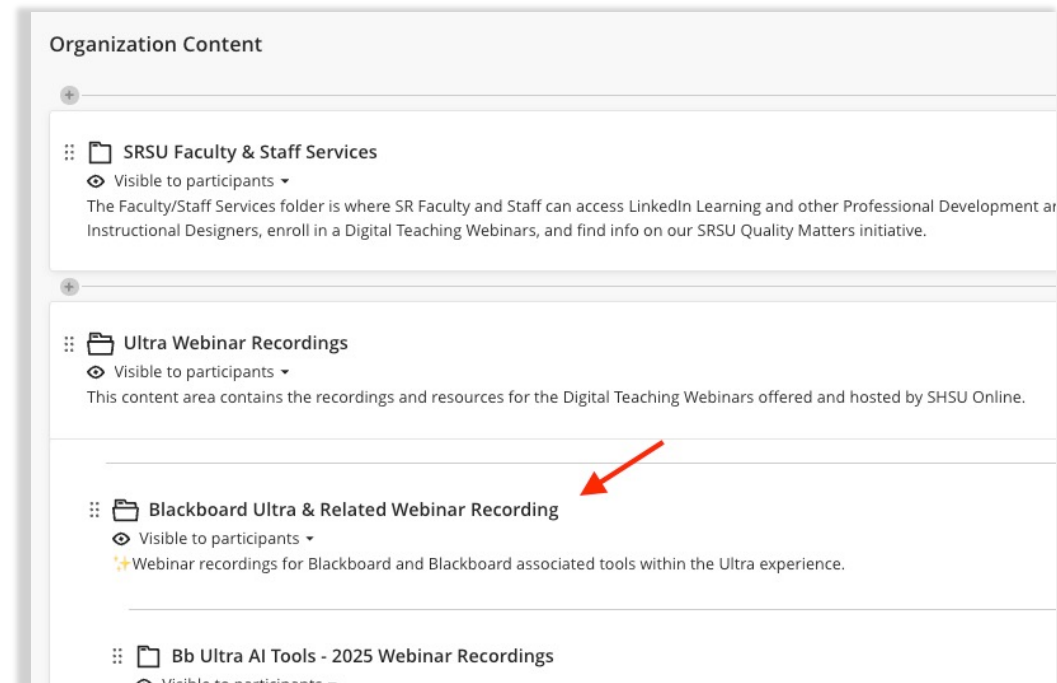
Schedule By Appointment Ultra sessions for yourself, your program, or even your entire department!

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 **Digital Education Conference 2025** session recordings!



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SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars for Nov:

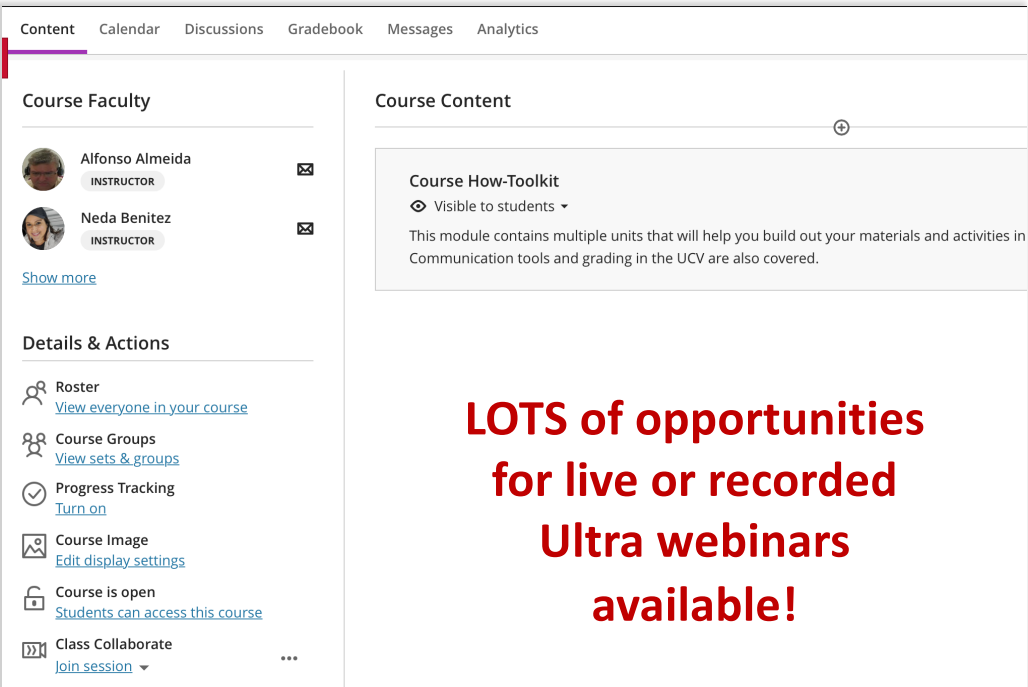
These FREE webinars are available to all SRSU instructors.

11/18 @ 2pm – Office Hours: Copying & Prepping Your Courses for Next Term

Get hands-on guidance on preparing your spring courses. Learn tips and best practices to start the term smoothly.

11/20 @ 2pm – Gradebook Lab: Hands-On with Blackboard Ultra

Learn how to manage grades, provide final feedback, and complete your Gradebook in Blackboard Ultra with ease. Partner with a Faculty Development team Expert to finalize your Gradebook quickly and confidently!



The screenshot displays 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, each with a profile picture and an email icon. Below this is a 'Show more' link. The right column, titled 'Course Content', shows a 'Course How-Toolkit' module with a visibility icon and the text 'Visible to students'. Below this, a description states: '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.' The bottom section, titled 'Details & Actions', contains several links: 'Roster' (View everyone in your course), 'Course Groups' (View sets & groups), 'Progress Tracking' (Turn on), 'Course Image' (Edit display settings), 'Course is open' (Students can access this course), and 'Class Collaborate' (Join session).

**LOTS of opportunities
for live or recorded
Ultra webinars
available!**



SRSU Division of Online Learning & Distance Education Update

Dr. Jennifer Haan

Director of the Online Learning and Distance Education Division

Online Teaching Excellence Award Showcase



Dr. Jessica Velasco

Monday, November 17

During “Faculty Forum”

3:30pm CST

[Join the meeting now](#) Link sent out by Provost’s Office

Dr. Melissa Wesney



AI Thursdays @ SRSU



Bridging Human Intelligence with Artificial Intelligence for Student Success

Dr. Diana Rodriguez
Sul Ross State University

RSVP at the link below

[HTTPS://SULROSS.LIBCAL.COM/EVENT/15432416?HS=A](https://sulross.libcal.com/event/15432416?HS=A)

Thursday, January 29



12:00pm – 1:30pm CST



IN-PERSON: Alpine Campus,
Faculty Development Center,
Library Room 201



VIRTUALLY: Link will be sent
upon RSVP

**Lunch provided for all
in-person attendees**



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Online Instructional Development & Support
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SHSU Online Faculty Development All-Star Team



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THANK YOU!

