SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Spring 2026
Alpine Campus Brown Bag Event

WHAT: Spring 2026 Instructional Services at SRSU Update
WHEN: Friday, February 6th, 2026, from 11:50am 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

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**)

Paula Arredondo – Executive Director of Information Technology Operations
Paedric Rayburn – Senior Network System Admin
George Hernandez - Director OIT Operations MRGC
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
Pedro-Alcario Garcia – Technical Support Specialist II ALP
Andrey Dubovik – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

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SRSU OIT Update

Paula Arredondo
OIT Executive Director of Information Technology Operations

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SRSU Library Resources Update

Taylor Moore
Coordinator of Technical Services & Outreach

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SRSU Academic Deans Update

Dr. Laura Payne (& friends)
Dean of Case College (LASS),
Graduate Studies & Online Education

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SRSU Office of Development and Advancement & Dual Credit Update

Dr. John Klingemann
VP of Development & Advancement

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SRSU Student Life / Career Services / Testing Center Update

Brooke Guffin
Director of Career Services & Testing

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SRSU Current Grants Update

Kendall Craig
Executive Director of Sponsored Programs

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SRSU Division of Online Learning & Distance Education
AI Academic Awareness & Quality Matters Update

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

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Instructional Services / Blackboard Instructional Designer

SRSU Technology Training Update

Rachel Carvajal

SRSU Instructional Technology Specialist

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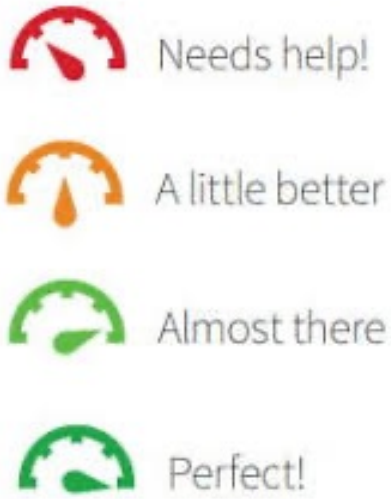
Blackboard Under-Used Feature Spotlight: Ally Tool

Monitor and improve course accessibility at your institution with Blackboard Ally!



For more information on using the Batch Edit feature see your Brown Bag Handout or Contact a TSUS-SRSU Instructional Designer!

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

AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

SRSU Faculty Support email:

blackboardsupport@sulross.edu

Goes to a pool of TSUS-SRSU/SHSU Support Desk & Instructional Designers!

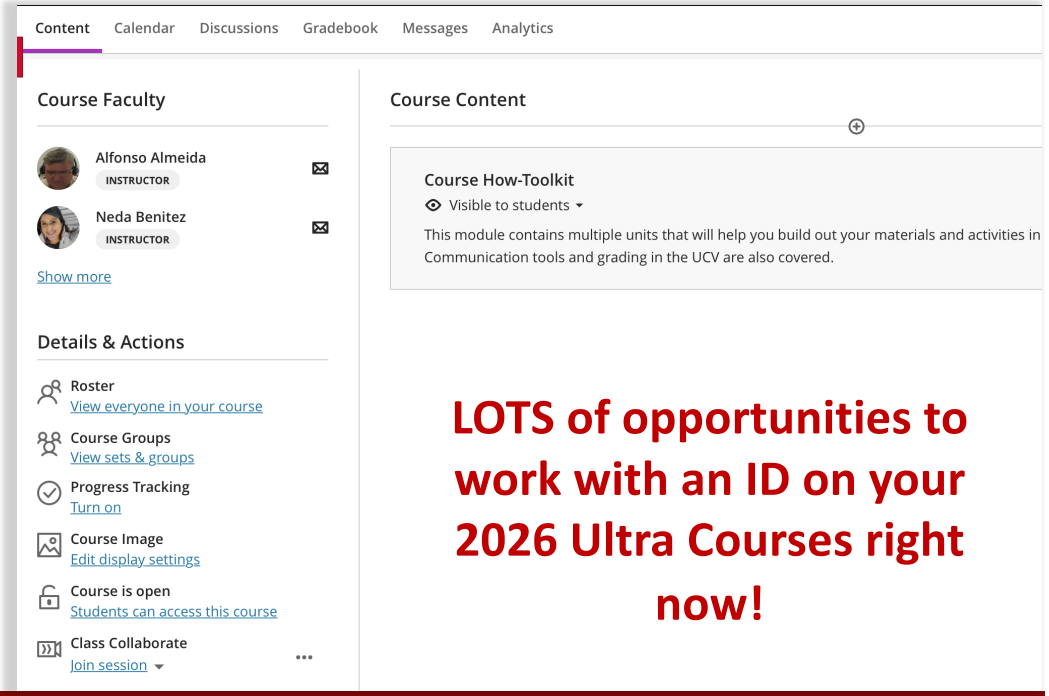
Digital Teaching How-to By Appointment:

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 rachel.carvajal@sulross.edu



LOTS of opportunities to work with an ID on your 2026 Ultra Courses right now!

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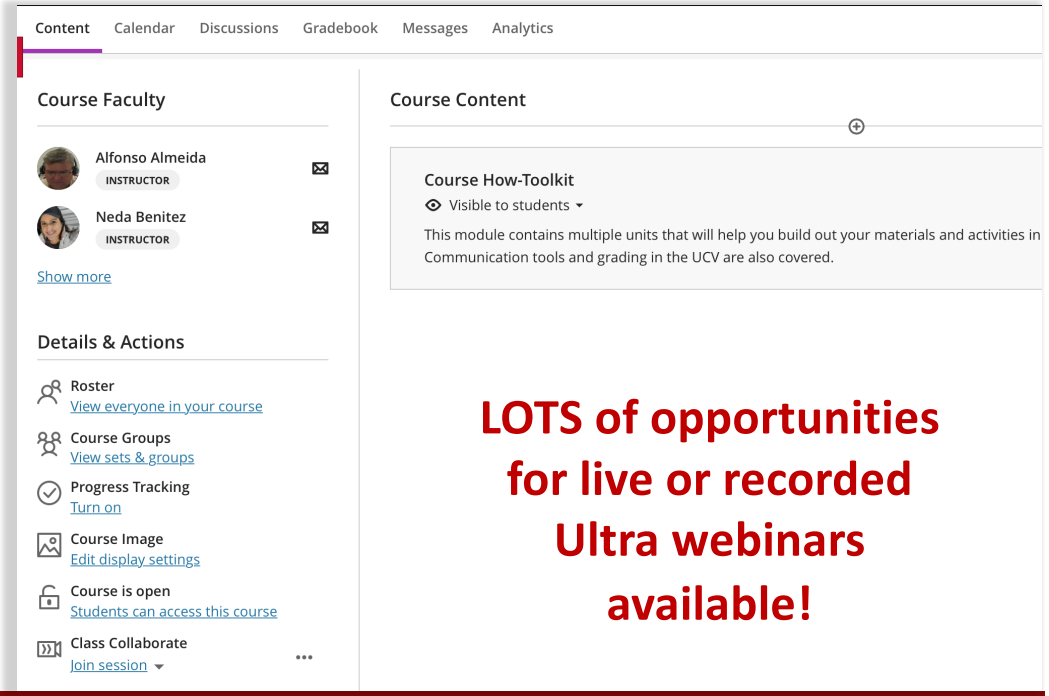
SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars for Feb:

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

2/9 @ 2 pm - Title II Accessibility in Blackboard
2/10 @ 1 pm - AI 201 - Session 2: Integrating AI: Assessments, Assignments & Student Use NEW
2/11 @ 2pm - AI 101 Session 2: Teaching with AI: Blackboard AI Assistant
2/12 @ 1pm - What's New in Blackboard? NEW
2/17 @ 1pm - AI 101 Session 3: Prompt Power & Academic Research
2/18 @ 1pm - Title II Accessibility in Blackboard
2/19 @ 2pm - Teaching Large(r) Online Classes: Design, Engage, Assess



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**
- **NEW - Effective Assessment in the Age of AI**
- **NEW - Insightful Grading & Feedback**
- **NEW - Bb Ultra AI Tools - 2025 Webinar Recordings folder (all previous AI webinars under one folder)**

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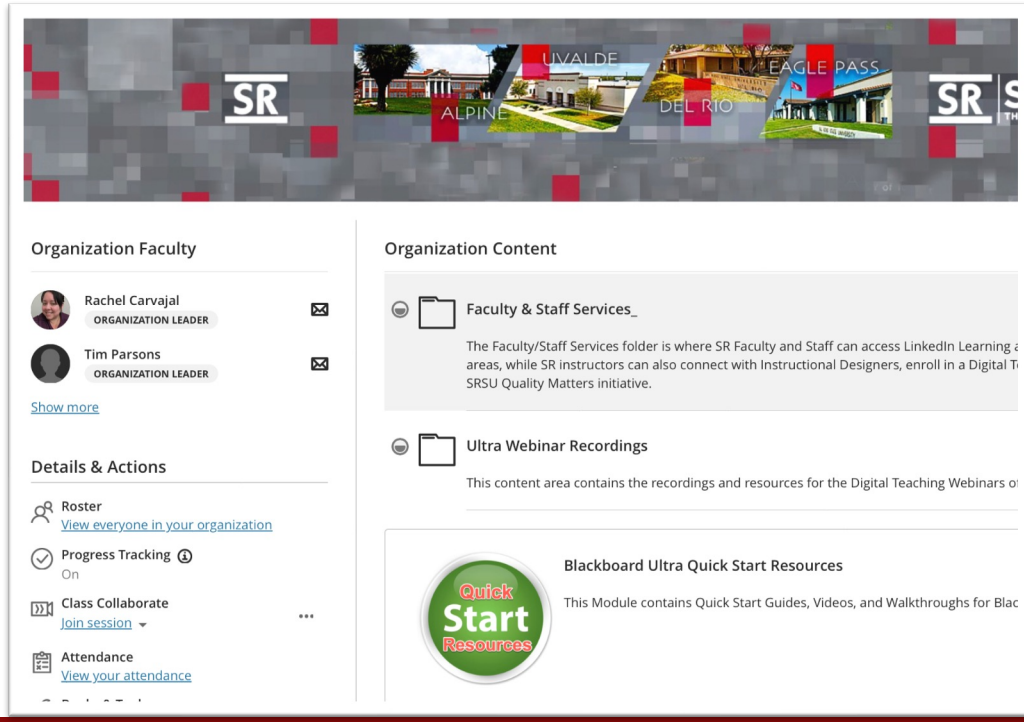

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