SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Fall 2026
Eagle Pass Campus Brown Bag Event

WHAT: Fall 2026 Instructional Services at SRSU Update
WHEN: Friday, October 23rd, 2026, from 11:50am to 1:10pm

Welcome & Opening

Vice President and Chief Operating Officer SRSU INTL

Dr. Jorge Garza

(…and some general housekeeping with Tim before we get started…)

TSUS Shared Services Partnership

Sul Ross State University, Sam Houston State University, LIT, Lamar Orange, & Lamar Port Arthur

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 (**SRSU, Lamar, LIT, Lamar Orange, & Lamar Port Arthur**)

Kash Cox – Chief Technical Officer (**SRSU, Lamar, LIT, Lamar Orange, & Lamar Port Arthur**)

Paula Arredondo – Executive Director of Information Technology Operations
George Hernandez - Director OIT Operations MRGC
Paedric Rayburn – Senior Network System Admin
Sarah Sheffield – Information Security Specialist
Dominick Percoco – Manager of OIT Client Services
Pedro-Alcario Garcia – Network Admin I
Santana Taranga – Network System Admin
Juan Garza - Technical Support Specialist II EP
Cade Cleveland – Technical Support Specialist I ALP
Christian Ontiveros – Technical Support Specialist I ALP
Dominique Portillo – Technical Support Specialist I ALP

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SRSU OIT Update

George Hernandez
Director of OIT Operations DR/EP/UV

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SRSU Academic Deans Update

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

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SRSU INTL Campus Symposium Update

Dr. Eduardo Russo
International Business Professor

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SRSU 2027 Symposium Dates

INTL Campus In-Person Symposium

Wednesday, April 7th, 2027

SRSU Virtual Symposium

Thursday, April 8th, 2027

Alpine Campus In-Person Symposium

Friday, April 9th, 2027

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SRSU Online Teaching Excellence Award 2026 Update

Dr. Jennifer Haan
Professor of Practice & Educational Leadership
Program Coordinator

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SRSU Library Resources Update

Mike Fernandez
Head of Library Systems & Access
Eagle Pass Campus

SRSU LIBRARY & ARCHIVES UPDATES

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October 23, 2026

COLLECTIONS

- **Book Requests**
  - Please continue sending your recommendations. The deadline for our next order is **December 1**. You can always make a recommendation directly to me at Miguel.Fernandez@sulross.edu or through our request form at http://library.sulross.edu/find-borrow-request/recommend/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gothic Literature Display & Reception	• **October 30, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
Library Feedback Survey "Take 5 for the Library & Archives"	**Open November 5 – December 5**

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SRSU Office of Communications Update

Isis Cardenas
SRSU Publicist / Communications

Bobby (BobbyG) Greeson
SRSU Media Specialist

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SRSU Current Grants Update

SRSU Title V DHSI Culture of Care
Director of Student Services
Cynthia Sifuentes
SRSU Executive Grant Director
Kendall Craig

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STUDENT SERVICES



OUR COMMITMENT *Continues!*

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Explore our University Degree Programs

Our Services:

- Career Workshops
- Testing Services EP/DR
- Retention Services
- Student Services/ID's
- Community Events/Lobo Prep Days

For More Information:

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StudentServicesCares@sulross.edu

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Sul Ross State University International-Student Services

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Instructional Services / Blackboard Development & Support

SRSU Blackboard Ultra Faculty Update

Tim Parsons

SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

Faculty Training Center

BAB 319

By Appointment Only - Schedule a virtual one-on-one or FTC on-site training

Contact: rcarvajal@sulross.edu

Support and solutions for:

- Blackboard
- Online learning and course design
- Educational technology tools
- Accessibility best practices and compliance guidance

Need Help?
Schedule a consultation for one-on-one support, troubleshooting, training, and guidance.

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SRSU Blackboard 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 Training Center – ALP Campus BAB 319

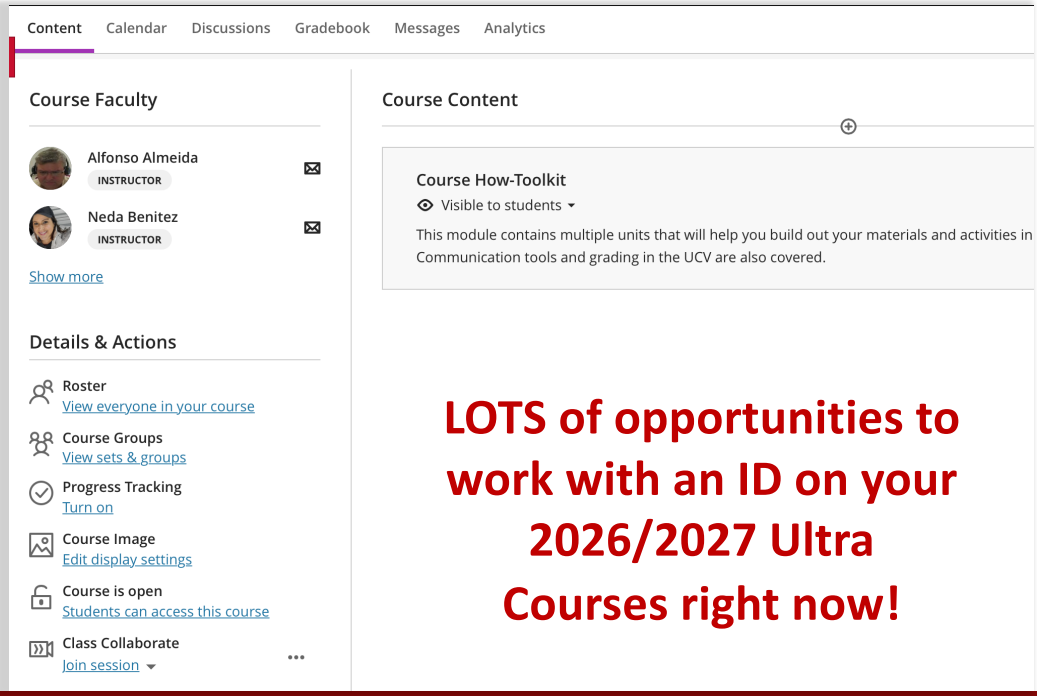
Schedule a virtual one-on-one or FTC on-site training with your friendly SRSU Instructional Designer Rachel Carvajal at rcarvajal@sulross.edu

Digital Teaching How-to By Appointment:

Schedule By Appointment Bb sessions with an SHSU ID for yourself, your program, or even your entire department! (*see Tim's weekly Bb newsletter*)

You can contact me directly with any questions:

Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu



LOTS of opportunities to work with an ID on your 2026/2027 Ultra Courses right now!

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AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY IN THE SPRING:

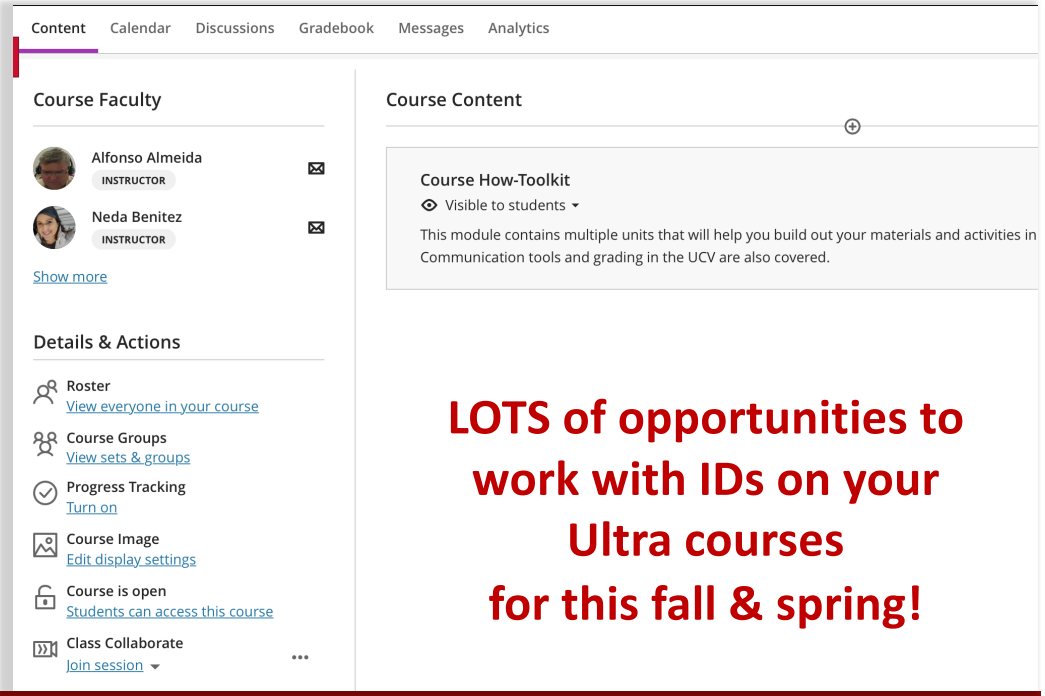
SHSU-SRSU Digital Educator Certification Cohort

PERFECT for designing a 2027 Blackboard Ultra course!

-**Build organized and navigable courses** that support student success.
-**Apply effective instructional design principles** to promote active learning.
-**Foster meaningful communication and collaboration** among students.
-**Create multimedia-rich content** that enhances engagement.
-**Design assessments aligned with clear learning objectives.**

This program is fully online and asynchronous, so interact with the course at times of the day that is convenient for you! **Must take **BEFORE** SRSU Quality Matters courses**

FALL 2026 Ongoing Cohort Dates: 09/28 to 11/13
SPRING COHORT ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY 2027



LOTS of opportunities to work with IDs on your Ultra courses for this fall & spring!

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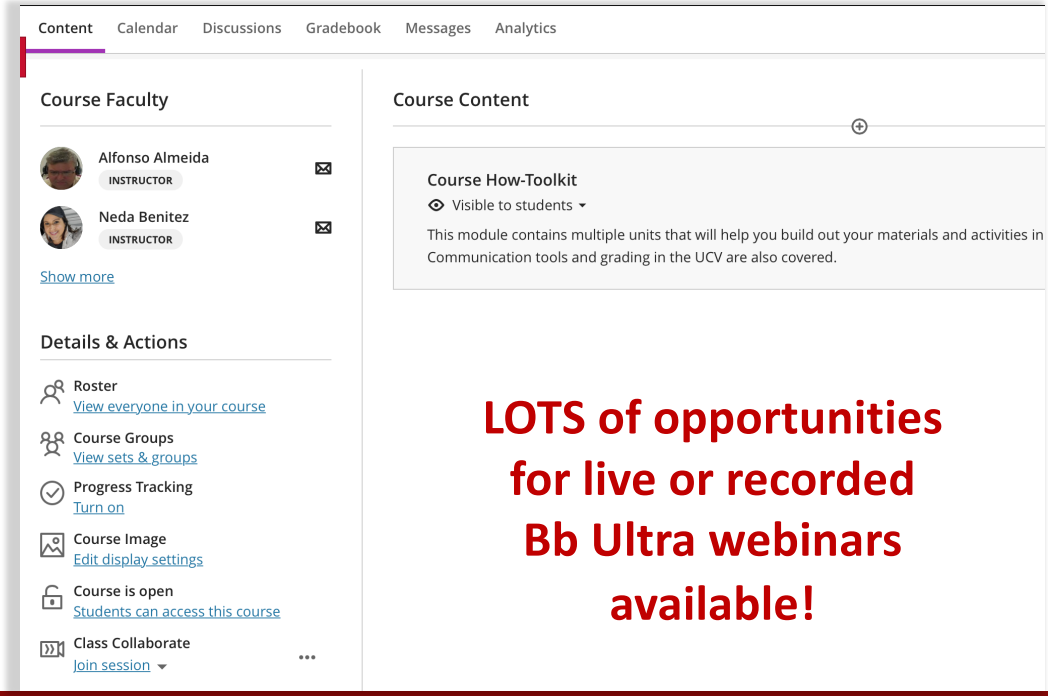
FREE SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars

Remaining October Schedule:

10/27 @ 2pm - Teaching Large Online Classes in Blackboard - Session 2 Assessment Efficiency and Feedback Flow NEW

10/30 @ 2pm - Faculty Showcase: Frightfully Good Teaching
Join TSUS Blackboard Partnership instructors who have a teaching strategy, activity, assignment, tool, or idea they'd like to share with online colleagues.

November Webinar Schedule Announced Soon!



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

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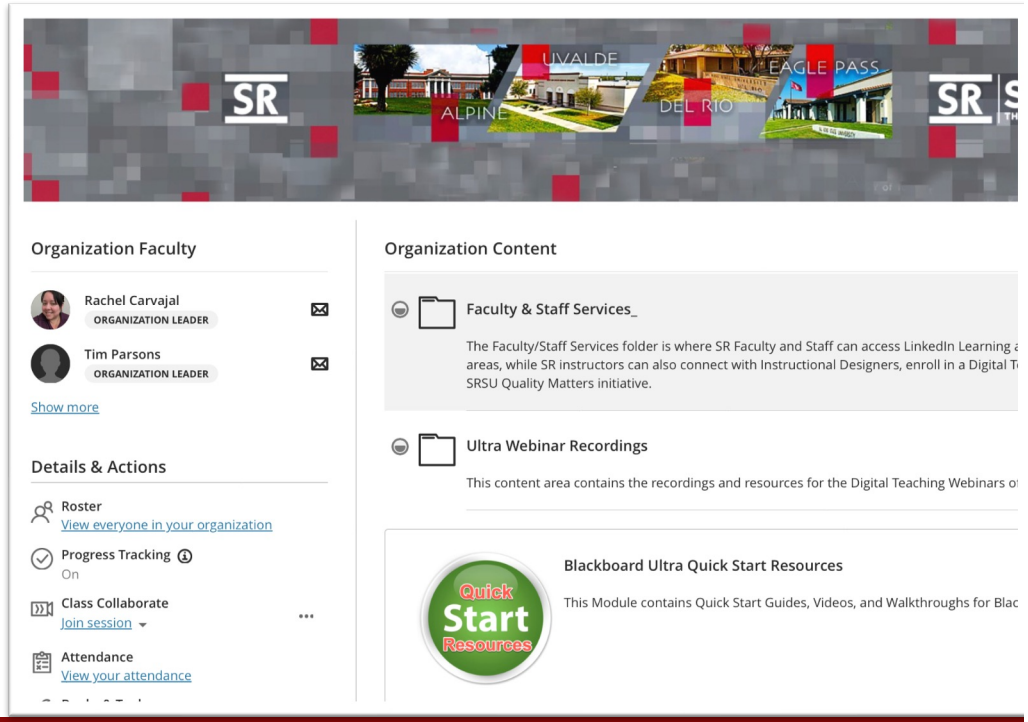
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Ultra Resources Available in the Faculty Central "Teaching Online with Blackboard" Organization Site

SPOTLIGHT: In the ”Ultra Webinar Recordings" folder you'll find the latest recorded SHSU Online Ultra webinars such as:

NEW - Blackboard's Updated Gradebook
NEW - What's New / 2026 Blackboard Conference Recap
NEW - Effective Assessment in the Age of AI
NEW - Enhancing Your Course with Video: Blackboard & Kaltura in Action

LOTS of opportunities for live or recorded Ultra webinars available!



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SRSU Tutor.com Update

Anthony Quintana
Coordinator of Tutoring Services / Advisor

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THANK YOU!