

## Faculty Affairs News 139 - April 16, 2020

### Supporting Our Students

If you have concerns for a student's overall safety and well-being, or a student discloses financial or food insecurity, mental health concerns or personal concerns, please make a referral to the Dean of Students by emailing [dos@uta.edu](mailto:dos@uta.edu) or submitting an online referral [Behavior Intervention Team \(BIT\) Referral Form](#). We are prepared to connect students with a number of resources that are available remotely. Additional resources can be found at UTA [Community That Cares](#).

### New Transfer Student Portal

Taking pride in our role in supporting transfer students achieve their goals, faculty are encouraged to share two new tools at the heart of The new [Maverick Transfer Pathway](#):

#1: [Transferology](#) – transfer students create an account with Transferology, enter their current and completed courses, select their major, and easily see how their courses apply to UTA degree plans.

#2: Maverick Transfer Track - Maverick Transfer Track is a customized tool for future UTA students to see what credits will be needed to complete a degree at UTA. Students can run "What if" scenarios for multiple UTA degree plans to see the best fit for their academic endeavors.

An [FAQ page](#) that can help answer questions is now available. Students are encouraged to reach out to their [advisors](#) with any additional questions.

### Preparing for Final Exams

- Faculty are asked to not make changes to [The Final Exam Schedule](#) as it may create conflicts for students.
- UTA computer labs will remain open through final exams. Only a limited number of students are admitted into each lab to support social distancing. The labs are cleaned frequently to reduce risk of infection. For a list of labs and hours, see [remote.uta.edu](http://remote.uta.edu) and click on Box 8, Computer Labs.
- Faculty needing equipment, tools or any additional accommodations to administer final exams are asked to contact [facultyaffairs@uta.edu](mailto:facultyaffairs@uta.edu) with their questions.

### Summer Teaching Online

Faculty teaching summer courses will receive invitations to engage with CDE instructional designers, receive assistance from CRTLE and engage in training sessions on technology tools to prepare to teach remotely. GTAs and faculty without experience teaching remotely are strongly encouraged to sign up on the [CDE training](#) page, or contact [CRTLE](#). For questions, please contact [CRTLE@uta.edu](mailto:CRTLE@uta.edu)

### Technology Updates

#### Lockdown Browser and Cell Phone Cameras

Students without webcams can use their cell phone cameras for the Lockdown Browser Monitoring feature: for [Android](#) Phones; for [iPhones](#). Students will need to download both the application on their phone and the driver for their computer (Mac or Windows). For best results, students should plug their phones into their computers with a USB cable.

#### New Laptops and Tablets

UTA recently received 30 Surface Pros which were made available for faculty and student use. A shipment of laptops is also expected shortly. Please check current availability with [UTA Library](#) or call 272-3395. Faculty should submit a [ServiceNow](#) ticket with their technology requests.

#### Adobe for Students

Adobe is offering the use of Creative Cloud to students and faculty whose learning is being affected by Covid 19. Please go to [remote.uta.edu](http://remote.uta.edu) and click on Box 4-Applications. Note, this access will expire on May 31, 2020. OIT and UTA Libraries are exploring options for students that may need this software for summer courses.

#### Teams Backgrounds

While Microsoft will be adding a fully featured background upload tool in the near future, you can add and select a custom background now, such as a company logo or office environment to use. Find out how to hack your Teams background in this Knowledge Base [article](#).

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### Upcoming Events

View more [upcoming events](#) on our Faculty Affairs website.

#### ACUE Application Date Extended

May 8, 2020

UTA full-time faculty are [invited](#) to participate in the [Effective Teaching Practices](#) course, developed in partnership with Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). This opportunity is being funded by the President's Office and UT System and there will be no cost to you or your department.

#### Final Exams

May 19, 2020 at 12 noon

For the Canvas Grade Extract schedule, ahead of the final exam grade deadline, please check the Registrar's [page](#).

#### New Survey Tool: QuestionPro

April-July, 2020

[QuestionPro](#) has been chosen as our new online survey research tool after Qualtrics dramatically increased its rates. Users can create surveys and web forms; conduct research studies; collect, analyze, and export data. Question Pro includes a migration tool which allows users to import surveys and data from Qualtrics. Migration will begin in mid-April and continue through July 2020. For questions, please contact [questionpro@uta.edu](mailto:questionpro@uta.edu).

#### Accessibility for All

UTA faculty teaching 400 courses have engaged with Ally to make their courses accessible for all students. [Ally](#) works in Canvas to provide students with alternative formats for course content. Tutorials for close-caption options are available for [Echo 360](#) as well as for [Captions](#) in Teams, Powerpoint and Studio. For assistance, please contact [ally@uta.edu](mailto:ally@uta.edu), for Canvas or course design, contact [cdesupport@uta.edu](mailto:cdesupport@uta.edu).

#### Wifi Improvements

A [major upgrade](#) to UTA's wireless network is underway, vastly improving access in open areas (in green), as well as buildings across campus. Upgrades to Nedderman Hall are being completed, and University Center, Davis and Texas Halls are [next](#).



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