

Faculty Affairs News 164 April 22, 2021

Dear Faculty

Here is a gentle reminder as we approach the end of the spring semester, we want to remind you note how the challenges of the pandemic and the restrictions affected the scope of your work. In general, we need to recognize that the impact of the pandemic is differential and affects some of us more than others, some areas more than others. Keeping track of the teaching and/or research impediments now will help you write your annual review area statements for the annual review for AY 2020-2021, which we will do in the next academic year. But please remember that this information is also important for post-tenure review or tenure and/or promotion statements later.

Teaching

Note how moving your course online and learning new technologies worked out, how much more time needed to be dedicated to learning new skills. Note the pedagogical workshops attended, etc. Note specific technological challenges such as access to high-speed broadband or wifi, software, cameras, etc. Note any issue with courses, additional load, additional students, increased class size, etc. How much of your time was spent generously helping colleagues figure out their technology? Note time spent planning new modalities, additional work to re-open or launch virtual laboratories, coordinate research teams, developing safe lab protocols, attending pedagogy and technology workshops, Canvas and Teams workshops, etc.

Research

Identify how research, scholarship, and creative activities were disrupted. Any loss of access to funds, research time lost to increased teaching responsibilities, access to research facilities, labs, computing resources, archives, libraries, studios, or performance venues. You might have lost access to research subjects, specimens, animals or other necessary things to advance your work. Impediments to travel and to carry out field research, cancellation of seminars, conferences, ateliers should be noted, etc.

These are some of the areas for which you might consider documenting now while we are experiencing them and how they affect your work for your information later. Keep a journal or log that you can refer to if and when it is needed. All of this is fresh now but it may not be in three or four years from now. Stay safe, be kind to yourself and others, and take care!

Final Spring Grades

As we approach the end of the Spring semester, it's time to prepare for final grade collection. Faculty are encouraged to post final grades in Canvas ahead of the grade extraction process. Grades will be extracted from Canvas at 4 AM CDT on May 17th and May 18th.

If you miss the Canvas grade extracts, you may use the Sync from Canvas button in MyMav to transfer your grades.

Please note that the Sync from Canvas button should only be used in courses with **fewer than 100 students**. The grade extract process should be utilized in larger courses. For detailed instructions and additional tips, please review the [Grade Extract](#) documentation.

Class Teams

The roster data for the Spring classes to restore students removed from Class Team Rosters earlier this week was done on April 21.

This resolution will cause two changes for faculty using classes in Teams that were auto created at the beginning of the semester.

1. The first is the original name of the Class Team at the beginning of the semester may be restored to the original name. Faculty are free to change that name after the reload.
2. Secondly, if a faculty member deleted a Class Team, that team will be recreated. Teams that you deleted that are restored may be deleted again after the reload and will not be seen by students unless you activate them.

Based on conversations with Microsoft the data reload will not impact the files, chats and other information in your existing Class Teams. In addition the reload will not impact merged classes.

Do you know....

That [NCFDD Summer 2021 Webinar Calendar](#) for faculty support on various issues is available. Check it out!

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Upcoming Events

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

Academic Calendar

May 3: Final grade rosters open

May 4: Last day of Spring 2021 classes

May 6-12: Final Exams

May 17-18: First extraction of final grades

May 18, 12 pm: Final grades posting deadline

The full academic calendar is available in the Registrar's [webpage](#).

MavsDay 2021

April 22

Thursday, April 22, is UTA's day of giving: MavsDay2021.

MavsDay is an opportunity to support UTA students and give back to the university that means so much to so many.

Join Mavericks around the world as we celebrate this One Day for UTA. By harnessing the power of the entire UTA community, we can make a lasting impact and inspire the next generation.

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