



Faculty Affairs News 128 - August 23, 2019

Canvas and Course Syllabi

[Texas House Bill 2504](#) requires that syllabi, CV and other information must be made available to the public by the first day of classes. Videos and additional training resources are available [here](#). Faculty can upload syllabi in Canvas and it will automatically upload to Digital Measures and their Mentis profile.

The Canvas upload is a one-stop shop and eliminates the need to upload in multiple places. In the Canvas course, on the left-hand side in the white gallery, faculty will find an “**upload syllabus**” label (second from the bottom).

The university syllabus template is formatted for accessibility. If faculty create their own syllabi, they will need to verify it for accessibility. Faculty are also reminded that any new version of the same course syllabus that was uploaded will override the previous version. All previous versions of the syllabus will be available under “**syllabus_upload**” folder in Canvas in case faculty need to reference a previous version.

UTA Faculty Profiles

Don't be a NO Body! Don't be a faceless shadow! Upload your profile picture to [Digital Measures](#) and it will populate your public profile in Mentis. In Digital Measures, the path is as follows: Managing Activities>Personal and Contact Information> scroll down to bottom of the page to upload a profile picture. For questions, contact UTA [DM Help](#).

Welcome New Faculty

Approximately 70 new full-time faculty participated in Faculty Orientation on August 16 & 19, engaging in teaching seminars, meeting with key university leaders and building connections with their new peers.



Profiles of our new colleagues are available [here](#). Additional teaching workshops will offered by CRTLE and [IDEAS](#) this Fall.

Progress Report Grades in Canvas

Four- week grades or Progress Reports are required for [specific student groups](#) of students such as athletes and freshmen, and are **due Friday Sept. 20**. Faculty for all undergraduate courses are encouraged to use a syllabus quiz or [similar assignment](#) as a progress report to provide an early indication of student engagement. The progress report allows for faster intervention by the [Division of Student Success](#). CDE's [training](#) page offers sessions on using the Canvas gradebook, and also offers [Canvas Open Lab Hours](#).

....Did You Know?

....UTA approved a new matrix for non-tenure track faculty titles to ensure that the university is in compliance with UT Regents Rules as well as respond to the unique needs of our campus community. The NTT faculty matrix is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

View [Upcoming events](#) on Faculty Affairs website.

CANVAS Help Today

Friday, August 23

10 am -3 pm

CDE staff will be assisting faculty and staff with Canvas questions from 10 am- 3 pm in Nedderman Hall 315 and 319. This is not a training opportunity but an opportunity to trouble shoot and answer questions. For Canvas training, please sign up [here](#).

Professional Learning Community (PLC)

Applications due Sept.1

QEP is looking for faculty and staff to join the PLC this Fall. Click [here](#) to see some of the exciting PLC activities. This faculty group meets five times per semester for two semesters. Faculty have the opportunity to attend virtual workshops on teaching and learning, and receive \$500 to help them develop new ideas. The program begins **September 27th**.

For more information contact Dr. Andrew Clark at amclark@uta.edu or 817-272-3054.

Fall Faculty & Associates Meeting

October 3rd

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Rio Grande Room, E. H. Hereford University Center. All Faculty are encouraged to attend. No RSVP Required.

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