



Faculty Affairs News 161 February 18, 2021

No Exams/Assignments This Week

As our UTA community continues to manage power outages, no heat and in many cases, no internet, we remind faculty that the [campus closure](#) through Friday, Feb 19 means that exams, assignments or other work due this week must be postponed for after Monday, Feb 22.

Faculty have the option to shift this week's classes to next week, compress them with those originally scheduled for next week, or adjust them in the syllabus. It is imperative that faculty communicate any changes to students as soon as possible, in addition to updating the syllabus. This last step will ensure that grade appeals and complaints are kept to a minimum. For questions, please contact facultyaffairs@uta.edu.

Faculty are reminded that the [National Weather Service](#) is expecting a slight melt today that will refreeze as temperatures dip below 20 tonight. Tonight will be colder than the last two nights with lows falling into the teens with some spotty locations in the single digits. **This will be the coldest night for the next several days.** Roads, sidewalks and other surfaces may be very slippery and all are urged to be cautious.

Proactive COVID Testing for Students

UTA Health Services has expanded free COVID-19 testing for all students. This is a [PCR test](#) and meets the diagnostic requirements for return to school, return to work, travel and medical procedures, test results are available in 24-48 hours. Proactive screening tests for students are available on campus every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Students can schedule a testing an appointment through [UTA's Health Services](#).

Promotion and Tenure Session

Faculty going up for promotion and/or tenure are asked to save the date, **March 2 at 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** for a General T and P informational meeting with Provost Pranesh Aswath and Vice Provost Antoinette Sol. To join this session, [please register on Teams](#). Information on P&T timelines, checklists and policies are available on the Provost's website. Faculty are encouraged to check with their college/school for internal deadlines for submission of T&P materials.

Study Abroad Grants

UTA has approved planning for travel abroad programs starting in May/Summer 2021 with [additional requirements](#) and considerations in place. As a result, [Faculty-Led Program Development Grants](#) will be offered. The goal for these \$2000 grants is to establish new study abroad opportunities as well as support the professional development of faculty and increase the internationalization of the campus community.

Awards must be used to support the creation of new UTA faculty-led study abroad programs or to enhance existing faculty-led programs that will be offered no later than the January 2023 wintermester term.

Grant application are due Monday, March 1, 2021. Additional information regarding eligibility and the application process is available on the [UTA StudyAbroad website](#). For questions, please contact UTA's Study Abroad Director, Kelli Anderson at kellia@uta.edu

14-Day Writing Challenge

Get an "almost done" project out the door! Do you have a journal article or a grant that you may be struggling to complete? Join [NCFDD's](#) online community which will provide you with supportive accountability for this online writing effort scheduled from March 22 - April 4, 2021. The 14-Day Writing Challenge is free to all UTA faculty and students through their NCFDD membership. [Registration](#) ends March 17. UTA faculty and students must [claim](#) their free NCFDD membership before registering for this session.

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Upcoming Events

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

Academic Calendar

Mar. 15-20: Spring Break Vacation

Mar. 26: Midterm grades deadline

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](#).

Faculty Senate Meeting

Feb 24 @ 2:30 pm

Faculty are encouraged to share any issues that may wish for Faculty Senate to discuss, by sharing them with their [Senators](#). Senate [leadership](#) is also available to respond to questions. Meetings are open to all via Teams.

Technology Tip

UTA is opting out of the Microsoft early adoption program (TAP) which allowed users to get new features before they were widely released. This led to some confusion as UTA tested new features for Teams and opting out will provide faculty with more stability. Visit the [OIT Website](#) for more information.

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