

## Faculty Affairs News 135 - FEB 20, 2020

### Microsoft Workshops Today

Trainers from Microsoft will be conducting workshops on MS [Teams](#) and accessibility tools on **Thursday, Feb. 20 from 1- 5 pm**. Sessions will be held in Nedderman 100 or virtually through this link on [Teams](#):

- 1-2 pm Efficient Meetings and Communication on Teams
- 2-3 pm Microsoft Products and Accessibility
- 3-4 pm Microsoft Teams in the Classroom
- 4-5 pm Microsoft Teams for Student Life and Interest Groups.

Please review these [Instructions](#) for joining a Teams meeting. For questions, please contact Lee.Pierce@uta.edu.

### Open Educational Resources (OER)

Faculty interested in developing online materials for their courses that are low-cost or free, thus reducing cost for students, are invited to attend a Creation 101 Workshop on **Thursday, February 20 from 2-3 pm** in the **Central Library 315A**. [Additional creation workshops](#) will be held on March 20 and April 20.

Faculty interested in attending the OER [Creator Fest 2020](#) in Houston, Texas, on March 24 - 27, 2020 can apply for [travel scholarships](#). Applications require a letter of support from a supervisor, dean, or director and should address the recipient's interest in contributing to the sessions outlined on the event website.

UTA [CARES Adoption Stipends](#) are available to support faculty transitioning from commercial course materials to OER. Apply For more information, contact Michelle.Reed@uta.edu.

### Create a Road Map for your Career

Join us on **Friday, Feb. 21, from 2-3 pm** for an interactive workshop as Dr. Leisa Crumpton-Young, Provost at Morgan State University, helps participants develop a Scholarly Blueprint. Creating a well defined roadmap is essential for academic productivity and performance. The workshop will take place in the Central Library Parlor. [RSVP](#).

### Summer Writing Book Camp: NCFDD 2020 Faculty Success Program

Faculty are encouraged to sign up soon for the [National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Faculty Success Program](#), as it fills up quickly. Faculty from across the country are enrolled in virtual cohorts, led by coaches that engage them in improving writing habits while implementing semester or year-long plans to achieve academic goals, including tenure and/or promotion.

As an Institutional Member, UTA faculty are eligible for Priority Registration at a rate of \$3,950 through Wednesday, March 18th. For help registering click the [step-by-step video and picture guide on how to reserve spots here](#). Contact Dr. Maria Martinez-Cosio at mcosio@uta.edu with your questions.

### Retiring Faculty Email Accounts

Retired faculty can now keep their uta.edu email account and access to web-based Microsoft tools. Retired faculty and staff in an official role with UTA have the option to upgrade their access to the same level as any active UTA employee, which includes access to [Teams](#), Sharepoint, and [Office 365](#) applications. For questions, please contact Douglas Bergere at douglas@uta.edu.

### Call for Emeritus Faculty

Tenure stream faculty are invited to nominate a retired or retiring faculty colleague for emeritus status. Nominations must be submitted electronically by **Friday, March 27, 2020** to Dr. Bill Carroll, Chair, UTA Faculty Senate at carroll@uta.edu.

To review the nomination criteria, please visit the Provost's [Faculty Resources](#) page. Nominations should be submitted using this [form](#). New emeriti will be recognized at the Fall Faculty & Associates meeting scheduled for Sept 29, 2020 at 4 pm.

### Did You Know?

.... UTA's [phone system](#) is switching over to Microsoft Teams. Phase 1 of this conversion project began with Davis Hall and the Watson Building. Central Library is next on the [schedule](#). The new system allows faculty and staff to work from any location, integrates with Teams and supports the replacement of an aging infrastructure.

If you have difficulty accessing the content in this announcement, please report accessibility issues to Faculty Affairs, facultyaffairs@uta.edu or (817) 272-7422.

### Upcoming Events

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

#### Difficult Conversations

**February 26, 12 noon- 1 pm.**

HR and Faculty Affairs are partnering on a workshop open to all faculty & staff:

*Starting the Conversation: Taking Care of Aging Parents.*

Nedderman Hall 100. Lunch provided, please [RSVP](#).

#### Open Textbook Lunch

**March 3, 11 am.**

Discover [open textbooks](#) in your field and lower costs for students. [Lunch](#) will be provided. Participants may receive a \$200 stipend to review a book for UTA's Open Textbook Library.

#### Academic Calendar

**March 9-14:** Spring Break

**Friday, March 20:** 8th week grades ([Midterms](#)) due in Canvas.

**April 3:** Last day to drop classes

**April 6:** Spring registration begins

**May 8:** Last day of classes

**May 19 at 12 noon:** [Final grades due](#) in Canvas.

Grading information and tutorials are available [here](#).

#### Promotion and Tenure Workshops

Two workshops will be held this Spring for faculty going up for promotion and/or tenure.

**March 4, 12-1:30 pm.**

Location: ARCH 204

Open forum for all faculty to review the P&T process.

[Open Forum RSVP](#)

**March 5 from 2-3 pm.**

Location: NH 100

Workshop for college/school chairs of P&T Committees, UCTP Committee members and staff that assist with this process. [Chairs, UCTP Committee members and staff RSVP](#)

For questions, please contact Dr. Antoinette Sol at amsol@uta.edu.

#### IDEAS Faculty Development Workshops

**March 26, 5:30- 7 pm.**

Location: ERB 570

**Teach'em with Tech: Using Engaging Instructional Technology in the Classroom**

Location: ERB 570

More info and [RSVP](#)

**April 22 at 1:30 pm.**

Location: ERB 570

**Spring 202: It's a Wrap!** We close the semester with a discussion of best teaching practices that foster inquiry, motivation to learn, and community.

RSVP [here](#).

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