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Faculty-Authored Course Textbooks

Faculty are reminded that UT System requires that faculty obtain permission before requiring the use of self-authored textbooks or other materials in their courses. Faculty may complete a form and obtain approval from their college/school leadership, before submitting it to the Provost's Office for final approval. For questions, please contact Dr. Antoinette Sol, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs.

Open Education Access (OER)

Faculty are invited to join librarian Michelle Reed for an OER Creation 101 workshop on Friday, February 5 from 1 - 2:30 p.m OER are free teaching and learning materials for students, thus lowering the cost of their education. In this session, we'll discuss the OER creation and modification processes, review best practices for reusing and attributing open content and discuss tools and resources available to support OER use at UTA, including t the UTA CARES Grant Program.

April 5: Summer, Fall 21 and Spring 22 Registration Begins

UTA is continuing its efforts at supporting students that seek to register for courses beyond one semester, as this high-impact practice positively affects student persistence and graduation. To encourage students to register for Summer and Fall 2021, faculty are asked to post a draft syllabus in Canvas that gives students important information about their summer and fall courses: course modality, major assignments, reading list/textbooks. This information can be updated by the first day of classes to ensure compliance with Texas SB 2504.

New Faculty Affairs AVP

We are excited to introduce Dr. Elizabeth Heise who will join us from UT Rio Grande Valley as Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs on March 1, 2021. Dr. Heise, an ACE Fellow, will help develop new faculty development programs for mid-level faculty, and lead the integration of Digital Measures.

Promotion and Tenure Info Session

Faculty going up for promotion and/or tenure are asked to save the date, **May 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. More details will be forthcoming.

New Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

As stress from the pandemic continues to impact our campus community, please encourage your staff and faculty to tap into UTA's EAP, now offered by CommPsych Guidance Resources. UTA employees and their covered family members can access **confidential** counseling, work-life solutions, legal support, and financial guidance through their online portal. ComPsych's services are available in a number of languages. For more information, please consult HR's EAP page.

Did You Know…

... UTA libraries provide support for at least three tools for developing digital citation lists: Zotero, Mendeley and Endnote? Faculty and students are invited to learn more about strategies for developing reference lists for theses, dissertations, publications and grants through a series of workshops on citation tools. For questions, please contact martin.wallace@uta.edu.

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Upcoming Events

View more **upcoming events** on our Faculty Affairs website.

Academic Calendar

Feb. 3: Census Date

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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