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Alternatives for Accessing Course Content: Ally

All Canvas courses now have a new tool that allows [students to access course content](#) as Audio, HTML, Tagged PDF, ePub, and Electronic Braille. Faculty are invited to an online 5-week crash course on this new tool that starts on Monday, February 10th, 2020. [Register here for Ally course!](#)

Schools, Colleges and/or Departments can also request training by sending an email to ally@uta.edu

For more information about Ally, training, and resources, visit the [UTA Ally website](#) or email ally@uta.edu.

Faculty Senate Travel and Report

At its January 29, 2020 meeting, the Senate shared good news and some changes:

- Faculty Senate received an increase for the [Senate Faculty Travel program](#) to \$90,000. Tenure stream faculty can receive \$750 for research related travel, one award per academic year.
- Senate is also exploring extending the Senate Travel program to non-TT faculty.
- A Senate ad-hoc committee will be developing new guidelines for the [Faculty Development Leave](#) program (FDL) which will now be managed by each college/school, and tracked by Faculty Affairs. The budget for FDLs is set to increase from \$180K to \$250K for FY 2020.

Faculty are encouraged to contact their [Senators](#) or [Senate leadership](#) with any questions. [Meetings](#) are open to all faculty.

One Box to One-Drive

The University of Texas at Arlington is migrating from Box to OneDrive, a secure cloud-based storage platform fully integrated with all Office 365 applications including Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, and SharePoint.

Faculty engaged in **research** are asked to fill out a [brief survey](#) to understand usage of online file storage and sharing services. An [OIT team](#) is working with faculty and departments to assist with Box data migration which is targeted for completion by Summer 2020.

Building Connections & Engagement for Student Success

Research indicates that faculty engagement is the number one predictor for student success. The power of a new tool accessible to all UTA faculty, is evident in this exchange:

"This morning, I sent out 82 personalized emails via [Inspire](#) to check on my students and encourage them. Within an hour, I received responses back from 26 of them! They ranged from "thank you for your kind words" to "things have been hectic last week, but I promise I'm playing catch up this weekend" to "I'm struggling to work through all my classes due to my ADHD, but I've created a schedule and will be on track again starting today, thank you so much for checking up on me."

Fourth week grades are due Feb 14 and are a good opportunity to reach out to students. Faculty seeking training or a demonstration on [Inspire](#) for their department, can contact Blake Carpenter at blacar@uta.edu.

Digital Measures Tutorials

All UTA annual reviews for full-time faculty, as well as the promotion and tenure process is managed through [Digital Measures](#).

Faculty going up for promotion and/or tenure are encouraged to review the [tutorials](#), and attend the [workshops](#) scheduled to assist faculty with their dossiers. For questions on DM, please contact Sandro.Miljatovic@uta.edu. For questions on the P&T process, please contact Dr. Antoinette Sol at amsol@uta.edu

Did You Know?

.... UTA faculty, staff and all students now have access to the newest Adobe Creative Cloud tools. All UTA devices will need to be [upgraded](#) by Feb. 29, 2020. Also, faculty are reminded that they need not subscribe to Zoom as Microsoft Teams is available for videoconferencing as part of their Office 365 suite. For training or more information on Teams, please contact lee.pierce@uta.edu

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Upcoming Events

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

4th week Grades and Student Success

February 14 at 12 noon: Progress Report Grades Due

Athletes, freshmen and others require 4th week grades so UTA's Division of Student Success (DSS) can reach out to students that may need support. Please refer students to the many FREE services offered by DSS including [tutoring by appointment](#), [drop-in tutoring](#), [eTutoring](#), [Supplemental Instruction](#), [mentoring](#), [success coaching](#), [TRIO Student Support Services](#), and [student success workshops](#).

For class presentations or more information please email: resources@uta.edu

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](#).

Academic Calendar

Feb. 14 at 12 noon: 4th week ([Progress](#)) grades due in Canvas.

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.

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