



Faculty Affairs News 115 - JAN 17, 2019

...and we are off! Canvas Pilot courses underway!

Approximately 30 courses are piloting Canvas, UTA's new LMS, this Spring semester with an additional 11 courses going live in March. Faculty have completed their online canvas training and approximately 1,700 students will engage with this state-of-the-art platform.

Faculty teaching summer courses on BB can request to be added to a training course by contacting their [Canvas College champion](#). They can also prepare their courses for migration by completing the [Pre-Migration Checklist](#). This includes:

- reducing duplicates (syllabi, readings),
- Moving videos to Kaltura or ARC
- removing outdated material
- downloading course data into Box or One Drive.

Canvas open lab hours are offered Fridays from 2- 4pm (Friday's 1/18) session begins at 2:30 pm) in Neddeman 319. Please go to canvas.uta.edu for more information, or email canvasteam@uta.edu.

Community College Teaching Forum

Faculty are asked to invite their graduate students to the Community College Teaching Forum on February 8th, from 12 pm - 4 pm in the Chemistry-Physics Building room 303.

You may contact [Dr. James Grover](#), Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Studies for additional information. [Registration](#) is recommended (lunch will be provided and space is limited.)

Faculty Development Leaves (FDL)

Departments are reminded that reviews of FDL proposals from college and/or department research committees are due by February 1, 2019 at 4 pm through the Mentis portal. A total of 22 proposals were submitted for FDLs.

The FDL Nomination committee members include: William Crowder (Business), Donnelle Barnes (CONHI), Heather Jacobson (COLA), Peter Lehman (Social Work), Simon Chao (Engineering), Karabi Bezboruah (CAPP), Krishnan Rajeshwar (Science).

DM is live August 1 & Post Your Syllabus

As we transition to Digital Measures, please be sure to post syllabi on both Mentis and Digital Measures. Instructions for [Mentis](#) have not changed. For [Digital Measures](#), under your profile, 1) go to Teaching; 2) select Scheduled Teaching; 3) click your course title; 4) scroll down to where you find the red dot marking "Syllabus for this course" and upload your syllabus.

Although the URL and "look and feel" of your online profile will stay the same, all faculty profile data will be added and updated using the Digital Measures system instead of Mentis. DM training dates and user guides are available [online](#). Digital Measures was successfully used to route dossiers for all P&T candidates this year, and in Fall 2019 all tenure stream faculty will submit annual reviews and post-tenure reviews through Digital Measures. For questions go to dmhelp@uta.edu.



Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Excellence (CRTLE) Update

The new CRTLE has several events planned for Spring 2019 (please see schedule on the right). The new CRTLE director is [Dr. Ann Cavallo](#) who is partnering with the [Maverick Advantage](#) to kick start several initiatives to more fully engage faculty in high impact practices. LINK Lab and Service Learning are also coming under the new CRTLE. For more information, please contact Dr. Cavallo, cavallo@uta.edu.

....Did You Know?

...UTA faculty, staff and students can request access to Microsoft Teams? [Microsoft Teams](#) is part of Office 365, and is a chat and work collaboration tool that also allows for videoconferencing. Some courses are using teams to form student groups and share work. Contact Carla Monk (cmonk@uta.edu) or Rob Roberson (rrobison@uta.edu) for more information.

Upcoming Events

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

Workshop Series

HR and Faculty Affairs are partnering on a series of workshops; all are from 12-1pm. Location TBA.

February 20: Work/Life Balance

March 27: FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act)

April 24: Phased Retirement Stay tuned for more details and mark your calendars.

CRTLE Events

Open House - Launch

January 24, 1:30- 4:30 pm
Neddeman Hall 246

Welcome new CRTLE Director Dr. Ann Cavallo and hear about host of new programs supporting teaching, research around teaching and faculty professional development.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

2018-19 New Faculty Reunion

January 25, 2:30- 4:00 pm
Neddeman Hall 246

Faculty hired in 2018-19 are invited for a reunion and networking event. [RSVP](#)

Peer Observation of Teaching

January 29, 10 am-12
Davis Hall, 333

Faculty charged with observing their peers that may be going up for promotion and/or tenure are invited to a training to ensure they are in compliance with UT System policies on peer observation of teaching. Please RSVP [here](#).

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