Faculty Affairs News -- January 21, 2021

Research Enhancement Program (REP)

Any full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty members at UTA are eligible to apply for a Research Enhancement Program grant. The applications are due February 1. The guidelines for these $10,000 grants ($15,000 if engaging a collaborator) call for using them as seed funding for new research projects, supporting research by newly hired faculty, and/or serve as a foundation for seeking funding from external sources. For questions, please contact Dr. Minerva Cordero at cordero@uta.edu

Canvas Conferences Premium Ending

Faculty who are using Canvas Conferences Premium (or Big Blue Button) are encouraged to begin incorporating Teams into their courses, as the Premium subscription ends May 31, 2021. Faculty can review a comparison of Teams and Canvas Conferences, as well as review a variety of Resources for Teaching Remotely. Training for the Teams video conferencing, including the use of break out rooms, the whiteboard, and attendance are available throughout the semester. The next training session on January, 28 from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. For departmental or college trainings, please contact CRTLE's Director Dr. Ann Cavallo at cavallo@uta.edu.

New Process for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The Student Access and Resource (SAR) Center has released a new Faculty Portal in Accessible Information Management (AIM). This portal allows instructors to electronically manage accommodations for students with disabilities who are enrolled in all of their courses. No more paper letters! A "How To" tutorial with screenshots has been created for your use and can be found on the Faculty and Resource Page. For questions or additional help, please contact sarcenter@uta.edu by email or visit their website: uta.edu/sarcenter.

Merging Sections in Canvas & Additional Trainings

A new tool, Canvas Extend, streamlines the process of merging multiple course sections. Faculty need to upload syllabi to each section before merging, although work is underway to simplify this task as well. An instructional video is now available, and faculty needing assistance can contact cdesupport@uta.edu.

Faculty are also invited to learn how to create rubrics in Canvas, use the Lockdown Browser, Canvas Gradebook, and much more through a series of online workshops offered by CDE. Departments or units can also request trainings delivered via Teams by contacting cdetraining@uta.edu

Staff Annual Reviews

Faculty that supervise staff are reminded that annual reviews are due April 5, 2021. UTA is using a new electronic tool, e-Performance, to file staff annual reviews as of January 2021. The evaluation period covers January 2020 through December 2020, and this video provides instructions on accessing the required forms on UT Share. For questions, please reach out to hrperformreviews@uta.edu.

Did You Know…

… that you can learn best practices for designing surveys using QuestionPro? A seminar is being offered by QuestionPro on Jan 25 at 1 pm. To attend, please use the QuestionPro registration. UTA has also created a QuestionPro Users Group that is led by the Office of Institutional Research. For questions, please contact Doris.Navarro@uta.edu

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

Jan. 27 @ 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.

Digital Measures Training for Annual Reviews

Faculty are **strongly encouraged** to participate in training for Digital Measures by clicking here. All tenure-stream faculty annual reviews, tenure dossiers, and post-tenure reviews must be entered through the DM portal.

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