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Student Feedback Surveys (SFS)

Faculty can access SFS data for their courses AFTER final grades are posted and certified by the Registrar's Office (may take 3-5 days depending on number of late grades). SFS data is in two systems:

- To access evaluations from **Spring 2019 to the present term**, please access SmartEvals by clicking the link at the top of this page http://www.uta.edu/ier/Surveys/SFS/. A quick tutorial is also available.
- To access your evaluations from **Fall 2018 to Fall 2019**, please visit uta.edu/SFS and click on uta.mce.cc at the top of the page to access IOTA. Log in using your Single Sign-On. A video tutorial is available to walk faculty through this process
- To access missing SFS data or evaluations prior to Fall 2018, please go to www.uta.edu/SFS. Click on "Faculty" on the left hand menu and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page for a link requesting missing SFS data.

Please note that a minimum of 5 students must be enrolled in a course to launch the SFS. For questions, please contact facultyaffairs@uta.edu.

Accessibility in Course Content

To support UTA's commitment to providing an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all students, Ally is now in all Canvas courses as of January 6, 2020. It allows users to access course content in a variety of formats including audio, HTML, PDFs and ensuring that course content can be read by electronic readers.

Various options for Ally training will be offered in Spring 2020, including,

- The UTA Ally website has faculty training material to help instructors get started and become familiar with Ally, its features, and functionality.
- UTA's Center for Distance Education is offering webinars and on-campus training. The next training sessions is January 28th, 2020. Register here for Canvas Training!
- *Reaching All Learners with Ally*, is a 5-week crash course to help faculty and instructors become familiar with Ally, begins Monday, February 10th, 2020. Register here for Ally course!
- Specialized College and/or Departmental Ally training is available by request. Email requests to ally@uta.edu

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

Title IX Changes

All employees including UTA faculty, graduate teaching assistants and staff are mandatory reporters ("Responsible Employees") and must report all known incidents of sexual misconduct. As of January 1, 2020, Texas laws SB 212 and HB 1735 add severe sanctions for employees who fail to report or knowingly file a false report, including termination and potential criminal charges. The updated language is available in the Canvas syllabus institutional policies page. More information is available at www.uta.edu/titleix.

New Technology Available

A new meeting poll feature in Office 365 allows faculty and staff to pinpoint meeting times by looking at free/busy data for your attendees, as well as creating a poll to vote on your suggested meeting times. Attendees can also offer new times to add to the polling options.

OIT is also working on a plan to migrate data from Box to One Drive. One Drive provides increased storage space, better security and easy access from any device as it is coud-based. Contact david.moore@uta.edu with your questions.

Did You Know?

....Canvas usage continues to grow at UTA! For Spring 2020 (so far) 2,611 published courses and 42,081 active users are actively engaged. Canvas can provide content to your students in a number of languages, as well as provide accessible materials in compliance with ADA. Many training opportunities are available. Go to canvas.uta.edu for more details.

Upcoming Events

View more upcoming events on our Faculty Affairs website.

Peer Review Training

**January 29th
10:00pm – 12:00pm
ERB 570**

The purpose of formative observations of classroom teaching is to provide advice in order to help a practitioner improve their practice. Peer observations are required for TT faculty.
Click here to RSVP.

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.

Study Abroad Grants

Deadline: February 28

Faculty interested in organizing new study abroad programs are invited to two workshops:

Tuesday, January 28 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in Bosque (Commons)

Thursday, January 30 from 12:30 - 2:00 pm in Neches (University Center).

Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP at studyabroad@uta.edu. Applications 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. Open forum for all faculty to review the P&T process.

March 5 from 2-3 pm. Workshop for college/school chairs of P&T Committees, UCTP Committee members and staff that assist with this process.

Information on rooms will be forthcoming in the next FAN. For questions, please contact Dr. Antoinette Sol at amsol@uta.edu.

Spring Faculty and Associates Meeting

**April 21st
4:00pm – 5:30pm
UC, Rio Grande**

Faculty are invited to come celebrate and recognize research and teaching award winners, outstanding advisors, and recipients of Faculty Development Leaves and Research Enhancement Program grants.

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