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Titles for Non-Tenure Track Faculty

The Provost, HR and Faculty Affairs have developed a new typology to provide units clearer guidelines regarding the authorized use of non-tenure-track titles. Titles for tenured or tenure track faculty are available in the UT System site.

Guidance is also available for choosing appropriate Staff or Faculty Title titles for conversions. Both documents reside in the Provost's webpage under Forms, Section VII, New Academic Hires. For questions, please contact Dr. Antoinette Sol at amsoll@uta.edu.

2019 ConTex Call for Postdoctoral Fellowships

The objective of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is to increase scholarly exchange and collaboration by supporting Mexican postdoctoral scholars at UT System institutions and UT System postdoctoral scholars at Mexican institutions.

Deadline to submit proposals: **Friday, August 9, 2019**

For more information, visit ConTex's website by clicking the link.

UTA Webpages Updated

After more than two years of research and engagement with the campus community, UTA's institutional webpages are going through an assessment of content, and updated redesign. The Web Modernization project is working with 14 units from across campus that were identified as first wave websites. The project timeline calls for the launching of new SiteCore at the end of August. The Provost and Faculty Affairs pages are part of this first wave, so stay tuned for a cleaner look and easier navigation. For questions, please contact Katie Hageman (Kathryn.hageman@uta.edu)

Canvas Migration Update and ARC

Approximately 1,000 courses have been migrated through the White Glove process which ended July 8. No new courses are being accepted for migration as Canvas completes Groups 3 and 4. We ask faculty to respond quickly to the Canvas staff by reviewing their courses and signing off after migration notification is received. Any remaining courses in need of migration from Blackboard to Canvas are the responsibility of the instructor and/or course developer. The Canvas team will be ready to support faculty migration of courses through ongoing training.

Faculty are also reminded that Canvas's video platform, ARC has been renamed Studio. **ARC no longer appears on Canvas course menus and instead faculty will see Studio as a menu tab.**

Engaging Students in Canvas Groups

After careful evaluation from college/school Canvas Champions and leadership, the People link in Canvas has been enabled. This feature allows students to actively engage with each other, and provides a quick way to access any Groups in which students may be enrolled. An important function of the People link is allowing students to self-enroll in groups when instructors have activated this feature. Instructors may disable and hide the link as needed. If activated, faculty can monitor student interactions in the course Groups.

Contact canvasteam@uta.edu with your questions or log into canvas.uta.edu.

All Faculty Orientation: Aug 16 & 19

All faculty are invited to learn about new initiatives, meet newly hired faculty and try out new teaching strategies at UTA's Faculty Orientation. Day 1, on Friday August 16, offers a series of hands-on sessions to help faculty use Digital Measures, Canvas, SmartEvals and Civitas. Day 2, on Monday, August 19 engages new and returning faculty with the VP for Research, Provost and President. Two teaching mini-workshops by CRTLE, IDEAS and the QEP Team will also be offered, as well as a Resource Fair. To RSVP click here.

....Did You Know?

....UTA's QEP will soon be releasing an online open-access Student Teamwork Guide, and companion Instructor Guide. This guide is part of QEP's focus on enhancing and assessing teamwork in courses across the university. The guide will be used in UNIV 1131 courses in the fall and will be ideal for any course that has a collaborative component.

Upcoming Events

View Upcoming events on Faculty Affairs website.

Teaching in No Time 2.0

July 16

Are you prepping a new course? Or wish to revisit a course that needs improvement? Join NCFDD's online course to try new teaching strategies. UTA is an institutional member of NCDFF allowing faculty to claim membership and access webinars, writing groups, 14-day writing challenges and much more. Faculty are encouraged to ask their graduate students to claim their membership and access the Dissertation Success Forum and other graduate resources. For questions, please contact mcosio@uta.edu.

Leadership Academy Applications Deadline

Friday, August 2 by 5pm.

The UTA Leadership Academy engages aspiring leaders focusing on practical leadership topics, issues within higher education, and personal leadership. The program is based on a semester cohort of fifteen to twenty faculty and staff. Staff and faculty can self-nominate or include a recommendation letter.

Digital Measure Profiles Go Live August 1

After that date, faculty will enter their data by logging in to DM, and the public facing face will be Mentis. Trainings are being offered throughout the summer. Faculty preparing tenure dossiers are encouraged to attend specialized training sessions. To update your faculty profile, start with the FAQs.

Professional Learning Community (PLC)

Applications due Sept.1

QEP is looking for faculty and staff to join the PLC this Fall. Click here to see some of the exciting PLC activities. This faculty group meets five times per semester for two semesters. Faculty have the opportunity to attend virtual workshops on teaching and learning, and receive $500 to help them develop new ideas. The program begins September 27th.

For more information contact Dr. Andrew Clark at amclark@uta.edu or 817-272-3054.

Fall Final Exam Schedule

The Registrar has posted the Fall final exam schedule here.

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