

Faculty Affairs News 170 July 15, 2021

Returning to Campus: Faculty Listening Session

Thursday, July 15, 3:00-4:30

[Click here for more information.](#)

Summer Commencement Schedule

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

7 p.m. – College of Business, School of Social Work

Thursday, August 19, 2021

3 p.m. – College of Nursing and Health Innovation

7 p.m. – College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs, College of Education, College of Engineering, College of Liberal Arts, College of Science, Division of Student Success, Honors College

Saturday, August 21, 2021

6 p.m. – Virtual

New UTA WiFi on Campus

While you are on campus you may notice that there is a new WiFi network "UTA WiFi". It is recommended that you change the settings on your devices to forget the "UTA Auto Login" network and use the "UTA WiFi" network for better service.

Department of Education's Newly Defined Distance Education Regulations- Effective July, 1, 2021



Regular and Substantive Interaction

The Department of Education provided new definitions and guidance for federal regulations related to distance education. Further information can be found on page 21 of the [Pursuing Regulatory Compliance for Digital Instruction in Response to Covid-19: Policy Playbook](#).

Additionally, faculty can read [Optimizing High-Quality Digital Learning Experiences - A Playbook for Faculty](#) to assist in designing an optimal online learning environment for students.

UTA Leadership Academy

The UTA Leadership Academy is designed as a broad leadership development program that includes the essential characteristics and skills needed to be an effective leader in a higher education environment.

It is a program that will focus on practical leadership topics, issues within higher education, and personal leadership development. The program is based on a semester cohort of fifteen to twenty faculty and staff. Staff and faculty participants can be nominated to the academy by self-nomination or a recommendation. A selection committee will then determine which nominees will participate in the spring semester 2022 cohort.

Click [here](#) to nominate faculty or staff!

Service Learning Faculty Fellows

Collaborate with colleagues across campus and learn from others on unique ways to integrate service learning into your course. Fellows work together in interdisciplinary cohorts over the semester and participate in monthly seminars to explore service learning foundations, effective teaching practices, and research projects within service learning. For more information, contact Susan Dequeant dequeant@uta.edu.

Find application and more information [here](#) on the Center for Service Learning website.

Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement (MAFE) Faculty Fellows

The Maverick Advantage is UTA's strategic initiative focused on engaging students in High Impact Practices to promote student belonging, self-efficacy, and retention. Through monthly seminars, MAFE Fellows collaborate with colleagues across campus throughout the academic year to learn how to integrate one of the five Maverick Advantage distinguishing activities into their courses. For more information, contact Susan Dequeant dequeant@uta.edu or Dr. Nali Kim nkim@uta.edu.

Find application and more information [here](#) on the Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement website

Professional Learning Community (PLC) Program

Teamwork is one of the most sought-after skills that employers look for from our graduates, but it is not something that is always done well in our classrooms. For the last four years faculty from across campus have met as part of a Professional Learning Community within the Collaborate UTA – PLC to develop strategies to enhance and assess teamwork in their courses. For more information on the program, contact Dr. Andrew Clark amclark@uta.edu.

Find PLC Fellows interest application [here](#)

And Find more information on the PLC website [here](#).

Libraries on Campus

The branch libraries will reopen in the Fall. We will be returning to 24/7 hours for Central in the Fall. And as a reminder, we have a service for faculty to have print collections pulled and delivered to their university offices or departmental administrative suites. Each college and/or academic department has a librarian liaison who can assist faculty in obtaining any Library services.

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

UTA is an institutional member of NCFDD. Their webpage has workshops and resources to help you throughout your career. You can sign up for a free account [here](#). Click on Become a Member.

Do you know...

There are 6 weeks left until Fall Semester starts. Now is a good time to upload your syllabi in Canvas. Once posted to Canvas, a permanent link is created that populates in Digital Measures and on your publi profile. Click [here](#) to upload.

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