**Fall 2020 Planning**

- **MyFTR Course Modalities:** Students, advisors and faculty can now see the Fall course modalities in MyFTR. The full Modality definition list is available on the UTA COVID website. A legend is available on each page but only includes the modality listed on that page, not all modalities. Courses are listed first as hybrid, face to face, and online, then a second modality is listed providing the specifics (e.g. Hybrid 1: Online 2, etc.). For questions, please reach out mcosio@uta.edu.

- **Course Modality Changes:** Faculty seeking to change the modality of their courses after the MyFTR schedule is posted must receive approval from their department chair. Changes to modality may impact students who have set their work and childcare schedules, as well as signed housing contracts, based on the initial course schedule. College/Schools can submit those requests through the Registration site, providing a justification for the requested change.

- **New Language in Syllabi:** The Canvas syllabus template is being updated to include a section on the mandatory face covering policy in classrooms, and adding a section for faculty to add technology requirements for their Fall courses (webcams, projector, university software, etc. of Funds). Faculty are encouraged to post a sample syllabus in Canvas so students can prepare for changes in modality, acquire any needed equipment, and for hybrid courses, get a better sense of dates for online/campus presence.

- **Space for Course Exams:** Since the campus will close to face-to-face interactions after the Thanksgiving break, a subgroup is exploring options for faculty who wish to administer face to face exams before Nov. 24. Options for using labs with computers, as well as large spaces that can be used for administering exams while maintaining social distancing, are being explored.

**Student Survey Results: COVID-19**

A survey was administered to 25,936 graduate and undergrad students in March 2020 to collect student feedback in four key areas: course delivery, future enrollment plans, campus communications, and academic advising. With a 14% response rate, the responses may help inform faculty as they design courses for Fall 2020. Some key findings:

- Approximately 80% of respondents felt the university communicated changes effectively, and 87% felt the university kept them informed of available learning services and support during the pandemic.

**New COVID Federal Leave**

Beginning on April 1, 2020, UTA will offer COVID-19 employee paid sick leave (EPSL) and expand Family and Medical Leave (FML) to all eligible UTA employees (excluding health care providers and first responders) pursuant to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The leave provided under the FFCRA does not modify an employee’s right to use sick, personal, or vacation time, as set forth in our current policies. A worker who requests leave (EPSL) and meets the eligibility requirements by requiring that UTA temporarily grant additional leave to certain employees due to COVID-19. To apply, please contact Leave Services. 817-272-6084 or email: Teacher.maverick@uta.edu or Paul Thompson paul.thompson@uta.edu.

**Congratulations to our Regents Award Winners**

Two UTA faculty were recognized as recipients of the 2020 Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Awards. Ericka Robinson-Freeman, Associate Professor in Accounting are among the 27 recipients from all UT institutions. Winners included 16 from the eight academic institutions and 11 from the eight UT health institutions. Full information is available through the Office of Faculty Affairs website.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Faculty Affairs News 146 - July 02, 2020**

- **Assessment Tools for STEM**

- **Qualtrics ends July 17**

- **Faculty Training for Fall 2020**

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