



Faculty Affairs News 142 - MAY 21, 2020

Thanksgiving and F2F Classes

UT Chancellor James Milliken has given approval to UTA to end face-to-face instruction for students at Thanksgiving, in advance of an expected high-risk flu season. Academic units have the option to continue courses online post-Thanksgiving if necessary, or complete courses by the Thanksgiving holiday. Faculty should consult with their department heads to develop plans to accommodate this change as we continue to seek options for keeping our faculty and students safe. The Fall final exam schedule will be used, and deadlines for posting final grades will prevail.

Fall Course Planning

Colleges and schools have submitted a first round of information on course modality for Fall. The **Facilities, Classroom Scheduling Subgroup**, led by Dan Cavanagh is working with facilities and engaging actively with the colleges to accommodate requests for classrooms, as units determine the number of online, hybrid and face-to-face courses. The other subgroups include:

- **Identifying Class Modality and Training**, led by Dr. Maria Martinez-Cosio, Provost's Office.
- **International Students and Other Related Issues**, led by Jay Horn, Executive Director, Office of International Education.
- **Faculty Issues and Challenges**, led by Dr. Bill Carroll, Faculty Senate Chair
- **Communication**, led by Ben Cloutier, Director of Presidential Communications.

A Listening Session for Department Chairs, Directors and Associate Deans to ask questions about Fall 2020 has been scheduled, and additional sessions are under discussion. Please check the [UTA COVID](#) website for updates.

Trainings for Teaching Online

Thank you to all the faculty and GTAs that attended our first two rounds of training sessions on instructional technology and online pedagogy. Approximately 144 faculty signed up for technical training on Canvas, Teams and Echo 360; another 100 participants enrolled in a pedagogy course led by CRTLE. Additional trainings are planned as we prepare for Fall 2020. Please check the [Teaching Remotely](#) site for additional resources, as well [utacrtle.org](#) for an updated schedule. Previous training session [archives](#) are also available on the CRTLE site.

Teams Shells in Canvas

Faculty now have access to Microsoft Teams for their Summer Sessions within their Canvas courses. These Teams shells are prepopulated with students' names and may be deleted if faculty prefer not to use them. Instructors must activate the Team for it to be available for use by students, and use these features:

- Online Chat Conversations with the Entire Class
- Live or Recorded Video or Audio Conferencing
- Group Chat Sessions with Selected Class Participants

While classes displayed in Microsoft Teams will contain a section for assignments and grades, **Canvas will remain the official learning management system**. Faculty will continue to be responsible for uploading grades in Canvas for extraction into MyMav for official certification and posting. More information on Teams shells in Canvas, please see the [OIT Blog page](#).

Student Feedback Surveys

Final grades for Spring 2020 have been certified and SFS data will be available to faculty on **May 22**. Faculty can access their [Student Feedback Surveys](#) through their Smart Evals portal. Each faculty member has a dashboard that indicates the courses taught, student response rates, and comparison data. Please check this [quick guide](#) for navigating SmartEvals. If an SFS is missing, please file a report through the link at the bottom of the [faculty SFS page](#).

Echo360 for the Summer 2020

Approximately 70 classrooms at UTA are outfitted with Echo 360's lecture capture recorders. These recorders will record any content shown on the projector (the classroom PC, the document camera, or your device), along with a view of the teaching station to show the instructor and audio. These recordings sessions can also be **streamed live** to students. When using the Echo360 Active Learning Platform, faculty can also access analytics on how students are utilizing the recordings.

Please contact Don Lane with Educational Technology Support Services at dklane@uta.edu for assistance with arranging for an Echo 360 classroom, setting up a recording schedule, and integration with Canvas.

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Upcoming Events

View more [upcoming events](#) on our Faculty Affairs website.

Adobe Creative Suite for Summer 2020

UTA's Library in partnership with OIT successfully negotiated an extension of the Adobe Creative Suite to our students who need this software for online summer courses. For questions please contact academiccomputing@uta.edu

ACUE Spots Available

UTA full-time faculty are invited to participate in the [Effective Teaching Practices course](#), developed in partnership with the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). This opportunity is funded by the President's Office and UT System and there will be no cost to faculty or their departments. [Applicants](#) must submit a Letter to Participate before July 15 (deadline extended from May 8).

For questions, please contact Dr. Toni Sol at amsol@uta.edu.

Annual Reviews Timeline

For more information on the timeline for the annual reviews through the Digital Measures flow for next year please click on the [link](#).

PLC Program

The 2019-20 Professional Learning Community (PLC) concluded with presentations during the CRTLE Faculty Showcase. To see posters and video presentations of the work of many of the PLC Faculty Fellows throughout the year visit the [Events page](#). The fall program begins September 25 with applications due September 4. If you're interested in becoming a member of the PLC program or would like more information, contact Andrew Clark at amclark@uta.edu.

OIT Communication for QuestionPro

Our new online survey tool [QuestionPro](#) is now available to all faculty, staff, and students! Qualtrics will sunset on July 17 and remaining data will be unavailable after that date. Training began on May 19. Visit the [OIT website](#) for information and [training dates](#).

MAFE Collaborative

Thanks to the 2020 MAFE (Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement Program) Collaborative Board composed of UTA faculty and staff who helped kick off this new fellowship program. Faculty are encouraged to seek MAFE designation or join this effort to support student success. More information on the [MAFE website](#).

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