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Thanksgiving and F2F Classes
UT-Chattanooga James Felicer has given approval to UT to end all Thanksgiving week instruction for students on campus in advance of an expected high-risk season for COVID-19. Academic units have the option to continue classes online past Thanksgiving if necessary, or complete courses by the Thanksgiving holiday. Faculty members with teaching assignments for those classes are developing plans to accommodate this change so we can continue to provide our faculty and students with the best educational experience. The Fall final exam schedule will be updated, and deadlines for posting final grades will prevail.

Fall Course Planning
Colleges and school have submitted a first round of information. Please for details. The Fall 2020 classroom, Classroom Scheduling Subgroup, led by the Director of Instructional Support, will develop plans to accommodate these changes. Please for additional questions. The other subgroup includes:

- Identifying Close Modality and Training, led by Dr. Michael Glassmeyer, Provost’s Office.
- International Students and Other Related Issues, led by Dr. Gil Vázquez, Director of International Education.
- Faculty Issues and Challenges, led by Dr. Bill Carroll, Faculty Senate Chair.
- Communication Systems, led by Dr. Beetle Oostmeier, Director of Presidential Communications.

A Listening Session for Department Chairs, Directors and Associate Deans to seek information about questions that Fall 2020 has been challenging. Please check the UTA OIT website for updates.

Trainings for Teaching Online
Thank you to all the faculty and GTOs that attended our first two teaching sessions on instructional design and online pedagogy. Approximately 100 faculty signed up for teaching sessions. Two and four sessions were also available to faculty.

Teams Shells in Canvas
Faculty may 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 Teams for courses for students to be able to access these features.

- Conversations that can Exceed and Chat on Microsoft Teams.

While classes displayed in Microsoft Teams will contain a section for assignments and grades, Canvas will remain the official learning management system and will be available to faculty on May 22.

Student Feedback Surveys
First grades for Spring 2020 have been certified and SFS data will be available to faculty on May 22. Faculty can access SFS data through the Digital Measures website. Faculty will be responsible for uploading grades in Canvas for their courses.

ECHO360 for the Summer 2020
Approximately 13 classrooms at UTA are outfitted with ECHO360 lecture capture cameras. These recorders will record any classroom instruction, whether in person (LCR), the document camera, or your device, along with a view of the teaching environment on the front and a view of the audience. This recording technology can also be utilized to enhance Live students. When using the ECHO360 Learning Platform, faculty can access analytics on how their students are utilizing the technology.

Please contact Don Lane with Educational Technology Support or amclark@uta.edu for assistance with arranging for an ECHO360 classroom or a recording. More information can be found online at the CRTLE site.

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Upcoming Events
When is the next Faculty Affairs email? See our Faculty Affairs website.

Advisory Creative Suite for Summer 2020
UTA’s Library is in partnership with OIT to successfully launch an extension of the Adobe Creative Suite to our students who used this software for online summer courses. For questions please contact melissa@uta.edu.

ADEC Sites Available
UTA full-time faculty member in the Director of Digital Measures is developing an international partnership with the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). This opportunity is funded by the President’s Office of UTA and will include both live and online sessions. Please check the UTA OIT website for updates.

Annual Review Trendlines
For more information on the timeline for the annual review through the Digital Measures flow for SFS, please visit the UTA OIT website.

PLC Program
The 2019-2020 Professional Learning Community (PLC) concluded with presentations during the OIT Summer Faculty Showcase. To see posters and video presentations of the work of faculty participating in the PLC, faculty Fellow throughout the year visit the OIT Summer PLC Fall 2020 website.

The fall program begins on September 25 and runs through applications due September 4. This fall program becomes a member of the PLC Community, is open to all, and is available to all faculty.

OIT Communication for GembaCon
Our new online survey for GembaCon is now available to all faculty, staff, and students. The final GembaCon session will be held on July 15. Visit the OIT website for more information.

MAF Collaborative
Thanks to the 2020 MAF–SharkLine Faculty Engagement Program—Bridging the Gap—collaborated with OIT and staff to provide faculty with an opportunity for new faculty program. The Collaborative is open to all faculty, staff, and students to provide faculty and student access. More information can be found online at the CRTLE site.

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