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Fall 2020 Planning

- Lists from colleges proposing changes in course modality are due to the Modality Subgroup on June 1. Faculty are encouraged to work with their department chairs to ensure that requests to teach fully online, in a hybrid format, or face-to-face are included in this preliminary list. Modality changes can be accommodated through the summer, as space allocations are made to ensure social distancing for F2F and hybrid courses.
- The Campus Repopulation Task Force is finalizing a plan for the phased return to campus of employees. The plan aligns with the Texas Governor's Executive Orders and CDC recommendations to protect our vulnerable populations while working to provide needed services as we prepare for Fall classes.
- The Logistics and Training Committee is developing a schedule of small group sessions with instructional designers to support faculty changing the modality of their courses. A schedule will be posted shortly on the ORTLE website at ortle.utdallas.edu.
- The Library is making PPEs including cloth face masks for faculty and students. Academic departments and research laboratories may request additional face masks through Environmental Health & Safety.
- “Listening Sessions” are being planned for faculty and academic staff. A session held with associate deans and academic chairs on May 22 provided valuable feedback for the subgroups planning for Fall.

Order of SFS Responses

In response to faculty requests, and as a result of complaints from students, the order of the scale responses in the Student Feedback Surveys is now reversed. The answer options to the SFS questions ranged from strongly disagree to strongly agree, leading to requests from students to reverse the survey after mistakenly marking the wrong score. A highlighted banner has been added to the top of every SFS to inform students of the correct ordering: strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Faculty Reviews

As of Fall 2020, Faculty Activity Reviews (FAR) and Comprehensive Periodic Review (CPE or 6th year post tenure review) for all tenure-stream faculty will run through in Digital Measures. The annual review schedule for tenure-stream faculty is available in the Provost’s webpage. Faculty are encouraged to attend training sessions on Digital Measures or refer to the user manual. For questions, please contact Sandro Miljatovic at santhro.miljatovic@uta.edu, or Dr. Toni Sol at amilos@uta.edu.

Upcoming Events

- View more upcoming events on our Faculty Affairs website.

Faculty Survey

June 1, 11:59 pm

The Faculty Issues and Challenges Sub Task Force is seeking input from faculty on issues and challenges concerning COVID-19 and returning to campus in fall 2020. Responses to this survey are anonymous and will only be analyzed in the aggregate. For questions, please contact Bill Carroll, Senate Chair.

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