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Fall Planning

A number of subcommittees are engaging with stakeholders across campus as UTA develops plans for Fall 2020. The academic effort is led by Dr. Pranesh Aswath through the Fall Academic & Course Planning Task Force. The subcommittees are:

- **Facilities, Classroom Scheduling and Other Logistics**, led by Dan Cavanagh, Department of Music Chair.
- **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.

Efforts are focused on ensuring students, faculty and staff can safely return to classes, with proposals due to the task force by the end of May. Please check the UTA COVID website for updates.

Trainings for Teaching Online

The first round of 2-week long training sessions for faculty teaching online this summer kicked off Tuesday, May 5. Approximately 110 faculty signed up for technical training on Canvas, Teams and Echo 360; another 56 participants enrolled in a pedagogy course led by CRTLE. A second round of trainings kicks off May 18 for faculty that are either teaching this summer, or those that would like to develop an online course for Fall. Please check the Teaching Remotely site for additional resources, as well utacrtle.org for an updated schedule. Previous training session archives are also available.

OER Grants Available

Interim President Teik Lim encourages faculty to apply for The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Open Educational Resource (OER) grants. These awards offer a maximum of $25,000 to faculty or teams of faculty to develop new or substantially improve existing OER materials for one or more high-enrollment Texas Core Curriculum (TCC) courses. The focus is on TCC courses that account for the majority of credits transferred among institutions. These grants should be matched with contributions from the institution or institutions (contributions can be in-kind).

Inquiry Deadline: June 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm C.D.T.
Application Deadline: June 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm C.D.T.
Awards Announced: On or around September 1, 2020

Student Feedback Surveys

After final grades for Spring 2020 are submitted and certified by the Registrar's Office, faculty can start accessing 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. A quick guide for navigating the SmartEvals Dashboard provides faculty with screenshots demonstrating how to view and download this information. If an SFS is missing, please file a report through the link at the bottom of the faculty SFS page.

Upcoming Events

View more **upcoming events** on our Faculty Affairs website.

Professional Development for Adjuncts

May 13, 3-4 pm

Faculty fellows from the IDEAS Center in partnership with CRTLE invite faculty to review the strategies they used to move classes online for Spring 2020. Although this conversation on Teams targets adjuncts, all faculty are invited to discuss their successes and challenges, as well as share tools and strategies that helped them along the way.

Please RSVP to receive the Teams link.

Final Grades Due
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at
12 noon

For the Canvas Grade Extract schedule, please check the Registrar's Final Grade page.

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

Training on Word Press and Other Webpage Tools

OIT is offering online trainings on Word Press, Cascade and SiteCore through their training portal. Online Teams training is also available through this site.

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.

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