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. Preshaw Anwesh through the Fall Academic & Course Planning Task Force. The subcommittees are:

- Facilities, Classroom Scheduling and Other Logistics, led by Dan Georgiadis, Department of Music Chair.
- Identifying Class Modality and Training, led by Dr. Meta Mathieu-Coss, Provost’s Office.
- International Students and Other Related Issues, led by Jay Hor, Executive Director, Office of International Education.
- Faculty Issues and Challenges, led by Dr. Bill Carroll, Faculty Senate Chair.
- Communication, led by Ben Coutler, Director of Presidential Communications.

Efforts are focused on ensuring students, faculty and staff can safely return to classes, if so directed due to the task force by the end of May. Please check the UTA COVID-19 website for updates.

Traintings 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 TeachUP remotely site for additional resources, as well as courses for an updated schedule. Previous training session online are also available.

OER Grants Available

Interim President Telk 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).

Deadline: June 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm C.D.T.

OIT is offering online trainings on Word Press and Other Webpage Tools. For questions please contact academiccomputing@uta.edu.

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 SmartEvals portal. Each faculty member has a dashboard that indicates the courses taught, student responses 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.

If you have difficulty accessing the content in this announcement, please report accessibility issues to Faculty Affairs, facultyaffairs@uta.edu or (817) 272-7422.

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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 OITLE 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.

Adaptive Creative Suite for Summer 2020

UTA’s Library in partnership with OIT successfully negotiated an extension of the Adaptive 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. Tom Scull at acue@uta.edu.