

Faculty Affairs News 155 - November 19, 2020

Applications for Faculty Development Leaves (FDL) for AY 2021-22 Open

The Provost and Faculty Senate are supporting moving ahead with the FDL program with some conditions: *Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the FDL program will accept applications from faculty that do not require travel, or limited travel, as allowed under the COVID-19 [University of Texas Arlington Travel Policies](#).*

Applications may be submitted through Mentis starting Friday, Nov. 20 and are due January 4, 2021 at 4 pm. Details are available in the [FDL webpage](#). Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the Program Guidelines provided in the FDL webpage. Q&A sessions will be held:

- Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 11-12 via [Teams](#).
- Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 2-3 pm via [Teams](#).
- Friday, Dec. 11 from 1-2 pm via [Teams](#).

For questions, please contact Dr. Maria Martinez-Cosio at mcosio@uta.edu.

Thank You

We know that this has been a challenging semester for our Maverick community and we thank our many faculty who have demonstrated UTA's caring spirit by referring stressed-out students to [CAPS](#), being flexible with those in quarantine, and sending encouraging messages through [Civitas](#). We appreciate you being accessible to them as they finish out the semester although we know you are all juggling many responsibilities.

- Please continue to refer students for mental help services through winter break. CAPS will be closed when [the university is closed](#) but referrals will still occur.
- Please use the [UTA app](#) to report any [positive](#) cases of COVID-19 whether they occurred on campus or not.

Stay safe and thanks again for exemplifying the best of our UTA [Community that Cares](#).

FERPA and Reusing Online Lectures

Faculty seeking to reuse lectures or other course material in which students' information is identifiable (voice, likeness, image, etc.) are advised to have students in the course complete a UTA [Lecture Recording Consent form](#). Provided FERPA and institution policies are followed through the use of this form, it is not unlawful to reuse a course recording in a future course, give access to course recording to individuals not enrolled in the course, or to allow individual not enrolled in the course to observe a live online class.

More information is available from the FAQs shared by the UT System Online Education Task Force available on the Provost's [Resources for Teaching Remotely](#) page. For questions, please reach out to kirsty.dymond@uta.edu in UTA's Office of Legal Affairs.

Help UTA Pantry

The [UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry](#) needs your help in providing items and meals for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday for our university community (particularly students!) and neighbors. If you would like to help and donate any items, please call **817-933-6520**.

The following items are needed:

- [Loaves of fresh bread](#)—34
- [Fresh fruit](#)—50-100 bananas
- [Boxed mashed potato mix](#)—13
- [Boxed stuffing mix](#)—37 vegetarian
- [Juice in single-serve boxed or canned](#)—97
- [Packaged cookies \(not the individual serving\)](#)—19
- [Banquet Homestyle Bakes \(complete meal kit\)](#)—50
- [Canned apple pie filling](#)—24
- [Canned pumpkin pie filling](#)—40

Access to Campus Buildings Over Winter Break

Academic and administrative buildings will be locked after the Thanksgiving holiday break with card swipe available for faculty, staff and approved students. The exceptions are buildings that require student access (Ransom Hall, University Hall, Fine Arts, etc.), buildings with open computer labs (ARCH, COBA, ELB, FA, UC, MAC) and other buildings, such as the Central Library, University Center, Commons and Davis Hall.

Many of these buildings will be open limited hours. Note that the Office of Facilities Management will continue to be on campus up to the December semester break. During this time, facilities' staff will be addressing routine and emergency work orders, cleaning and disinfecting buildings, renovating spaces, etc.

MavTech App Coming Soon

The MavTech app is coming soon to Microsoft Teams to provide early announcements of updates and new features in Teams and O365. Visit the [OIT website](#) to learn more.

Did You Know....

...that a variety of videos for [engaging students online](#) are available to all faculty and GTAs? CRTLE offers short videos for teaching hybrid and online courses on their [website](#). Dr. Peggy Semingson from the College of Education also offers these five minute clips:

[Dr. Robin Jocius and Dr. Peggy Semingson: Five Minutes about Online Learning](#)

[Dr. Jodi Tommerdahl and Dr. Peggy Semingson: Five Minutes about Online Teaching](#)

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Upcoming Events

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

Academic Calendar

Nov. 24: Last day for in-person classes; instruction moves to online after Thanksgiving.

Dec. 7: last day of classes

Dec. 9-15: Final Exams

Jan. 19, 2021: First day of Spring 2021 classes

The full academic calendar is available in the Registrar's [webpage](#).

ACUE

Just a few seats are left for joining the January 2021 [ACUE](#) cohort. The deadline has been extended and faculty are encouraged to submit applications ASAP.

Student Feedback Survey (SFS) Launch

Surveys will launch 2 weeks before the end of 15-week courses as listed in MyMav, and will close at 11 pm on the course end date. For accelerated online and other dynamic dated courses, the surveys launch one week before the end date. Faculty can see student response rates in real time through their [SmartEvals](#) dashboard. Please refer to the [SFS page](#) for more information, or contact Dr. Doris.Navarro@uta.edu with your questions.

Spring Book Orders

Starting November 16th, for faculty that have not submitted textbook selections, the Bookstore will begin copying past course material selections over to the Spring 2021 semester. Faculty can change their order through their Canvas page by using the [Follet Discover](#) which requires creating a new password. Faculty are reminded that all course material must be accessible. For questions, please contact Paul Beaulieu at beaulieu@uta.edu

Digital Measures Training for Annual Reviews

Tenure-track faculty in years 1-3 are **strongly encouraged** to participate in training for Digital Measures by [clicking here](#). All tenure-stream faculty annual reviews, tenure dossiers, and post-tenure reviews must be entered through the DM portal. Academic staff that support faculty in submitting annual reviews are also invited to attend the trainings.

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