

# Faculty Affairs News 154 - Nov. 5, 2020

## Spring 2021 Course Modality in MyMav

The Office of the Registrar has added the course modalities to the Spring 2021 MyMav schedule and shared this information with students. Faculty are asked to provide specifics of their Spring 2021 course modality in their syllabi, as well as any technical or other requirements for their courses (webcam, use of Respondus software, etc.).

# Preparing for Exams before Thanksgiving

Faculty opting to administer major exams before Thanksgiving break, whether in person or online, are asked to review the updated FAQ posted on the UTA COVID page. The page addresses questions such as "Can I choose the day and time of the exam before Thanksgiving break?" and "What happens if a student cannot take the exam on the day scheduled, and wishes to retake it?" Faculty are encouraged to share their policies and procedures for these exams with students to allow them to prepare, including encouraging students to secure a high-speed internet connection if the exam is online, or checking out a laptop from Central library, if their device is outdated.

# Canvas Conferences Premium Extended

After receiving input from faculty, the Provost's office will support and pay for the use of Canvas Conference Premium through the end of Spring 2021 semester (May 30, 2021) as we transition to integrating TEAMS and Canvas. We are currently negotiating with Canvas on this extension of the contract.

We'll be using the Spring 2021 semester to work closely with faculty that use Canvas Conferences Premium to support their transition to Teams. We are also expecting a tighter integration between Teams and Canvas which addresses many of the concerns raised by Faculty Senate. A side-by-side comparison between the tools as they stand today is provided in the Resources for Teaching Remotely page. For questions about Canvas Conferences please contact cdesupport@uta.edu

### **Tenure Stream Faculty Annual Review**

Tenured and tenure-track faculty are required to submit their annual review materials through **Digital Measures**, including their student feedback survey data, CV, research, etc. The documents will "flow" through the various steps for approval in DM. Faculty, chairs and staff supporting faculty reviews are strongly encouraged to attend the remaining training sessions offered via Teams:

**Digital Measures Session dates:** November 12, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### **Upcoming Events**

View more upcoming events on our Faculty Affairs website.

# Fall 2020 Academic Calendar

Nov. 6: Last day to drop classes

Nov. 24: Last day for inperson classes; instruction moves to online after Thanksgiving.

Dec. 21: final grades due. Faculty are encouraged to file grades early if completing all coursework and exams at Thanksgiving.

The full academic calendar is available in the Registrar's webpage.

#### Flu Shots at UTA

November 9 12:00 - 2:30 pm

#### Wetsel Bldg, Rm 200

Free for those with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna, Humana, Cigna, United Health Care, Medicare Part B. Bring Copy of insurance card and ID. Cost w/out insurance is \$20. Reservations required.

December 9, 2:30 PM - 3:30 P

Tenured Faculty, 6th year post tenure review and Tenure Track years 4 and 5 were to submit their reports through DM Flow Nov. 2nd. Tenure track faculty in years 1, 2 and those undergoing 3rd year review, are encouraged to check the university calendar for their deadlines. For questions on DM, please contact dmhelp@uta.edu, and please attend the trainings.

#### Academic Integrity

The Office of Community Standards continues to offer workshops regarding Academic Integrity in Online Exams on November 10 at 3 pm and November 11 at noon. These will cover prevention strategies, strategies on reviewing online exams efficiently, flags to look for, and how to submit referrals for an alleged violation. Click here to sign up.

Faculty Academic Integrity Resources

Students Academic Integrity Resources

For questions, please contact the Office of Academic Integrity.

#### **New Teams Chat Features**

Three new options for moderating the Chat during Teams meetings will soon be available. "On" allows participants to use the Chat. "Turn Meeting Chat Off" turns it off. "Only During the Meeting" activates the Chat only during the duration of the meeting. Learn more through OIT's tutorial.

#### Did you know....

You can go back through the Faculty Affairs Newsletter (FAN) in case you missed an issue? The archive is updated after every biweekly issue.

**Mavericks** Advantage Faculty Engagement (MAFE) Seminar

> November 11, 11:00 - 12:00 pm

Discover ways to integrate experiential learning activities into your academic courses at the CRTLE seminar "What's MAFE?" Please <u>RSVP</u>. For questions, please contact Susan Dequeant at dequeant@uta.edu.

# **Research Grants** for Virtual International Exchanges

#### **December 7, 2020**

Researchers and research teams are invited to apply for \$20,000 grants for faculty researchers, and \$10,000 for graduatestudent-led projects sponsored by the Stevens' Initiative. The grants are focused on projects for using technology to connect people for education and exchange.

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