

Faculty Affairs News 153 - October 15, 2020

COVID Contact Tracing Procedures

Faculty are reminded that UTA's Health Services is charged with handling contact tracing should a student test positive for COVID. Faculty are asked to not broadly disseminate information shared by a student, nor announce test results to the class as these actions may violate privacy laws. The process as outlined by the UTA Health Services is as follows:

1. Student discloses to the instructor that accommodations are needed due to positive COVID testing or close contact to someone who is positive (quarantine). If they've been tested, the student must fill out a [diagnosis form](#), or if they were within 6 ft for longer than 10 minutes with someone with a positive diagnosis, a [contact form](#).

2. UTA Health Services contacts the student once the form is submitted and if appropriate, provides a letter saying accommodations are needed. UTA Health Services also commences contact tracing.

3. The student presents the letter of accommodation to the instructor.

For more information, please see the Faculty FAQ [page](#), or the UTA COVID Faculty Resource [page](#).

Midterm Grades Due Friday, Oct 16 at 12 pm

Faculty are reminded that if they are issuing an F grade in the MyMav Midterm Week Column, a **justifications code (the reason for the failing grade) must be entered in the Roll Call Attendance Column**. One of the following options must be selected to clarify why the student earned an "F" grade:

FA (MyMav Code A) – Stopped attending as of "date last attended" (will be required)

FC (MyMav Code C) – In attendance/Performed Poorly

FN (MyMav Code N) – Never attended or participated

Please refer students that may be struggling to Student [Support Services](#).

Faculty Senate Open Faculty Forum

Faculty Senate is hosting Interim President Teik Lim and Interim Provost Pranesh Aswath for an open forum providing for faculty to freely discuss plans, ideas, and concerns regarding the quality and directions of UT Arlington academic programs. The Senate is particularly interested in discussions of impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on UT Arlington finances, students, and employees; Tier-1 status and the planned use of Tier-1 funds; status of searches for a Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; recognition of the faculty; and shared governance.

Faculty can email questions ahead of time to Dr. Bill Carroll, Chair of Faculty Senate (carroll@uta.edu), or to their unit's faculty senator (see http://www.uta.edu/senate/new/members_list.pdf for the roster).

Date – November 4, 2020

Time – 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Location – [Microsoft Teams](#)

Hiring Student Employees

Departments are reminded that hiring work-study students can save them money. Students are actively looking for work and an on-campus job is a strong retention best practice. Work-study is a form of financial aid that allows students to work up to 19 hours per week and covers 75% of an eligible student's wages, with the remaining 25% coming from the departmental budget. All positions must be posted in Handshake. [Log in today!](#)

The Student Employment Team is hosting a Handshake Supervisor Training on Tuesday, November 17th at 11:00 am. Those interested in attending the training may [sign up using this link](#).

Please reach out to the Lockheed Martin Career Development Center at studentemployment@uta.edu with questions.

First-Generation Celebration

UTA is joining the [First-Generation College Celebration](#) on November 8 and invite first-generation faculty to reach out for swag.

The Division of Student Success, Division of Faculty Affairs, and the Title V: Supporting I.D.E.A.S. grant are providing buttons, stickers and door plaques for faculty and staff who identify as first-generation or as a person who supports first-generation students. Please complete the [online form for First-Gen swag to claim yours](#). The last day to sign up for swag is Friday, November 6. For questions, please contact Jennifer Sutton-Luken at jluken@uta.edu

Campus Event Check-in App for Events and Programs

UTA's Office of Student Organizations is offering a new and user-friendly solution that is both contactless and secure for events. The MavOrgs Event Pass allows you to check in attendees by scanning each person's unique event pass using their own personal mobile phone or device—no additional equipment or hardware is needed. MavOrgs Event Pass is available for student organizations, and academic and administrative departments to manage invitations, RSVPs and attendance. Tracking is completely electronic and will provide you with a report of each student attendees name, email and ID number.

If you would like to learn more how this tool might be helpful to your program or department, contact mavorgs@uta.edu or call 817-272-2293.

Identify Protection Services Offered Through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX)

BCBSTX provides employees, retirees and their families who are covered under the UT SELECT or the UT CONNECT Medical Plan the opportunity to enroll in identity protection services.

[For details please visit here.](#)

Information can be found on our [Benefits Website here](#).

Preview Tenure Stream Faculty Annual Review

[Digital Measures](#) Session 5 dates:

October 22, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

October 26, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

November 2, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

November 12, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

Tenured Faculty, 6th year post tenure review and Tenure Track years 4 and 5 submit Nov. 2nd.

DID YOU KNOW?

Have you noticed Cortana Briefing Emails in your Outlook mail? At the beginning of your workday, you will get an email with reminders to help plan your day. To opt-out, simply click the "unsubscribe" link at the bottom of the email. [Read more on the OIT website.](#)

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Upcoming Events

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

Fall 2020 Academic Calendar

Oct 16: 8-week grades due

Nov. 6: Last day to drop classes

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

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

Women Faculty & Staff Network

October 19

All are invited to hear from [Neva Tallbear](#), Science Professor at Little Big Horn College, on the Impact of COVID-19 on Native American Reservations. More info on the WFSN [calendar page](#).

Women's Faculty and Staff Network

October 28, 2:30 - 4:00 pm, Teams

Please join the Women's Faculty and Staff Network for a very special event with Dr. Kevin Cokley from UT Austin as he discusses "Is Higher Education (Really) Ready to Talk About Race.?"

You can find the meeting on the WFSN Events Team page at this [link](#) to add the event to your calendar

UTA Leadership Academy Extended Deadline

Applications due October 30

The [program](#) focuses on leadership issues within higher education, and personal leadership development. A cohort of fifteen to twenty faculty and staff engage in classes for a semester. Staff and faculty participants can self-nominate or obtain a recommendation from a Chair/Director/Supervisor, Vice President or a Dean. For questions, contact Dr. Toni Sol at amsol@uta.edu

LinkedIn Learning Workshop

October 30, 1-3 pm

Do your students need to learn the basics of excel, presentation skills, Python or Rhino? LinkedIn Learning can assist by linking these modules to your courses. Click the [register link](#) to RSVP for this workshop. [Join](#) Drs. Andrew Clark (COMM), Tim Ponce (ENGL), Bonnie Boardman (ENGR) and LinkedIn specialists as they share tips for engaging your students with the 1600+ courses available on this site. Contact Ron Roberson with your questions rroberson@uta.edu

Peer Review of Teaching Training

November 10, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

The purpose of formative observations of classroom teaching is to provide advice in order to help a practitioner improve their practice. [Peer observations](#) are required for TT faculty. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

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