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Classroom or Meeting Disruptions

Campus police prepared flyers about Classroom and Meeting Disruptions. Please review the materials here. There already have been classroom disruptions where the class responded appropriately and charges have been filed.

That Mid-Term Sinking Feeling

This is a reminder to signup for a free account in NCFDD. UTA subscribes to the *National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity*. New faculty as well as mid-career faculty will find a topic to fit their needs. We recommend their great video series on topics of interest called "core curriculum." Faculty can also sign up for short term writing workshops as well. These are fee based, but faculty can use their start-up funds or research funds for the these. Here is a list of core curriculum (free) topics:

SKILL #1 Every Semester Needs a Plan
SKILL #2: How to Align Your Time with Your Priorities
SKILL #3: How to Develop a Daily Writing Practice
SKILL #4: Mastering Academic Time Management
SKILL #5: Moving from Resistance to Writing
SKILL #6: The Art of Saying No
SKILL #7: Cultivating Your Network of Mentors, Sponsors & Collaborators
SKILL #8: Overcoming Academic Perfectionism
SKILL #9: How to Engage in Healthy Conflict
SKILL #10: How to Manage Stress, Rejection & the Haters in Your Midst

The link is https://www.facultydiversity.org/

Have a Student who Tests Positive for COVID 19?

Please work with students who test positive and need to be out of class for ten days as you would any other temporary illness. We encourage you to speak to the student and find how best you can accommodate them while they are out. As with any illness, you may request a note from the health center or their doctor. Although this type of situation does not fall under ADA guidelines, the Student Access & Resource Center (SAR) is willing to discuss available resources and options.

Annual Reviews for Tenured Faculty

Annual reviews, comprehensive periodic evaluations and reviews for tenure track years 4-5 will be launched this week. Look for an email or login to Digital Measures and click on Workflow, then select Tasks to find your dossier. If there are errors please reach out to your department admin.

Become a Faculty Mentor - Make a New Friend

The benefits of being a faculty mentor include:

- Increased diversity of networks for new professional partnerships.
- New insights, knowledge, and renewed energy/excitement from teaching/research/service areas.
- Collective synerfy from intermingled weriting and/or research opportunities.
- Ability to shape and grow the department/college culture vision.
- Sense of pirpose and satisfaction to 'pay it forward' to the next generation of faculty scholars/leaders.

Experienced faculty mentors are vital components in assisting new faculty through their early faculty years. Some of these areas include: UTA policies, procedures and overall campus environment, research, teaching, service commitments, tenure and/or evaluation process, and balancing professional and personal life. Are you already helping new faculty in these areas? Then apply here to be a mentor!

On a Faculty Search Committee?

Please sign up for unconscious bias training If you are planning on serving on faculty search this year or you have not had Search Committee training since 2019 or you need a refresher then you need to sign up for training. Search Committee training will be held virtual and in person during the month of October Please register for a date and time that is convenient.

Having Trouble with Cell Service on Campus?

Cell phone coverage varies widely across campus, especially indoors. We recommend utilizing UTA's Wi-Fi to improve cell phone service while on campus. "Wi-Fi Calling" is a way to call and text using the internet rather than traditional cell service. This feature is now offered by all major carriers and most cell phones are capable of calls and texts over Wi-Fi once enabled.

Quick cell phone setup:
iPhone: Go to Settings > Phone > Wi-Fi Calling
Make calls using Wi-Fi on iPhone

Android: Go to Settings > Connection > Wi-Fi Calling
Turn on Wi-Fi Calling on Galaxy phones

How-to information for major carriers:
AT&T Wi-Fi Calling
Wi-Fi Calling from T-Mobile
Verizon Wi-Fi Calling FAQs

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the IT Help Desk at 817-272-2208, send a chat, or submit a self-service ticket.

Syllabus Compliance

Please remember that all instructors need to upload their syllabus to their Canvas course even if they are teaching face to face. You can find the syllabus template, instructions on how to upload to Canvas as well as other course policies here.

Making the syllabus available to students early helps students. The syllabus must be made available by the first week of classes at the very latest.

Do you know…

You can upload your faculty profile photo in Digital Measures by dragging and dropping it in the "Personal and Contact Information" section in Login" style="font-weight: normal;font-weight: normal;color: #333;text-decoration: underline;color: #333;text-decoration: underline;color: rgb(211, 80, 0)">Digital Measures.

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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Academic Calendar

Nov. 5 Last day to drop classes

Nov. 24 No classes scheduled

Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 7 Last day of classes

Dec. 8 Student Study Day (no classes)

Dec. 9-15 Final exams

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

Upcoming Events

View more upcoming events on our Faculty Affairs website.

OIT Corner

Endpoint Management

REMINDER: Please schedule your appointment to update your UTA-owned windows devices through the Windows Endpoint Management project. Details can be found on the project website.

Teams News!

Microsoft has rolled out a series of updates to the Teams platform. You can find an updated list of those changes on the OIT News site.

Internet Trouble?

If you are working remotely and having trouble with your internet connection, this article provides information on troubleshooting and solving basic home internet connection issues.

Updated TAP Request Form

The Technology Approval Process Request (TAPREQ) form as been updated based on user feedback. More applications have been added to the Pre-approved list . The TAPREQ process encapsulates policies and regulations from the University, System, and State related to the procurement and usage of Electronic Information Resources (EIR) related to accessibility, security, data safety and integrity, compatibility with infrastructure, and fiscal value. A TAPREQ is required for an application that is exposed to the public, is used by an employee to do their job, is prescribed for students to use as part of an academic program, or is used to process, transmit, or store university data. Find more information on the TAP Request process in this KB article.