



Faculty Affairs News 150 - September 03, 2020

Canvas Conferences Changes

Faculty using videoconferencing for Spring 2021 courses are encouraged to use [Teams rather than Canvas Conferences](#). UTA's subscription for Canvas Conferences Premium, or [Big Blue Button](#), will end in December 2020, which will result in changes to the service. After this date, faculty will only have access to Canvas Conferences' basic service which keeps recordings for two weeks rather than long-term. Faculty can record in Teams and store videos in their [Microsoft Stream](#) account long-term. For questions, please contact cdesupport@uta.edu.

Teams Courses

To help faculty access the Microsoft Teams videoconferencing tool, all Canvas courses have a Teams course added that includes the roster of students enrolled in that class. Faculty should note that assignments and grades in the Teams classroom will need to be moved to Canvas to ensure data is maintained for archiving and grade appeals; grades will need to be moved from the Teams classroom to Canvas for extraction into MyMav. Faculty do need to [activate](#) their Teams course for students to access it.

Progress Reports and Mid-Semester Grades

Early [progress report](#) grades are collected for undergrad students with 30 or fewer semester credit hours and athletes in the fourth week of the term. Students in these populations are not limited to freshmen, it is not uncommon that sophomores and upper classmen are included on the rosters.

Early Progress Report Rosters Open	Monday, September 14
Early Progress Grade Deadline	Friday, September 25

How Do I Know If My Students Need Progress Report Grades?

The students for whom progress report grades are required have an indicator in the class roster(s) in your MyMav faculty center. Faculty will also receive an email notification from ARRfacultycommunication@uta.edu.

F-Justifications codes: Faculty issuing "[F](#)" grades are reminded that only the "F" goes in the Canvas or MyMav **Final Column**. The F-Justifications code for the reason for failing must be entered in the Roll Call Attendance Column, along with date of last attendance if required. The codes that faculty may use are:

- AA or blank– N/A
- 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
- FU (MyMav Code U) – Attended but last date unknown

For questions, please contact www.uta.edu/records

Digital Measures Trainings: Annual Reviews, Tenure and Post-Tenure Reviews

Digital Measure (DM) is the repository for all these [reports](#) and faculty are strongly encouraged to start adding their research, teaching and service information ahead of departmental and university [deadlines](#). Digital Measures will soon begin their tutorial and trainings that will allow faculty and staff to:

- Use the CV Import Tool in DM
- How to Create a CV in Digital Measures
- Getting the Most from DM: Running Reports
- Introduction to Faculty Annual Review in DM Flow

For more information, please visit the [Digital Measures website here](#).

Textbook Orders

Faculty are reminded that required materials for any course must be made available through the [UTA Bookstore](#). Textbook orders for Spring semester are typically due in October. For questions, please reach out to Textbook Manager - Shiva Mirsaedi, shiva@uta.edu

OIT Microsoft Updates

OIT is excited to announce new features in O365 and Teams. New updates will be posted each week to keep faculty, staff, and students informed. Visit the [Microsoft Updates Category](#) to read about Call Merge, Attendance Reports, et cetera.

Communication for Guest Access in MyMav

Students can now share aspects of their student information in MyMav with parents or guests. Guests can view admissions status, grades and records, courses, financial information, et cetera. [Learn how to use this service on the OIT website](#).

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Upcoming Events

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

Fall 2020 Academic Calendar

Sept. 7: Labor Day. No classes

Sept. 11: Census Date

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 and Staff (WFSN) Network Fall Event

Tuesday, Sept 8

5-6:30 pm

President Teik Lim and Provost Pranesh Aswath will welcome all new faculty and staff through a virtual event. All are invited to [register](#) to receive the Teams link.

Inspire for Faculty

Sept 9

12-12:30 pm

The Inspire for Faculty (IFF) analytics tool allows faculty to see their students' engagement patterns in near real-time within Canvas. Inspire offers easy, outreach (nudges) to students, stimulating conversations early to impact success in the ongoing class. The training will be [available](#) through Teams.

WFSN Book Club Selection for Fall 2020

Help us pick a book for the Women's Faculty and Staff Network (WFSN) virtual book club! [Please complete the survey here!](#) We will have both a live session and a book club blog for discussion.

UClub Menu

The [University Club](#) located in the basement of Davis Hall is now open for pick up orders from faculty and staff. The [menu](#) includes monthly specials. Diners may call (817) 272-5999 to place a to-go order.

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