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Canvas Conferences Changes

Faculty using videoconferencing for Spring 2021 courses are encouraged to use Teams rather than Canvas Conferences. A UTA’s subscription for Microsoft Teams expires on December 31, 2020. After this date, faculty will only have access to Canvas Conferences’ basic service which keeps recording for less than 24 hours after the lecture. Faculty can record in Teams and store videos in their Microsoft Stream account long-term. For questions, please contact caitlin@uta.edu.

Teams Courses

To help faculty access the Microsoft Teams videoconferencing tool, all Courses teams 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 discussion and group project grades, which need to be moved from the Teams classroom to Canvas for extraction into uChek. Faculty are also encouraged to activate their Teams course for students to access it.

Progress Reports and Mid-Semester Grades

Early progress report grades are collected for undergraduate students with 30 or fewer semester credit hours and in the fourth week of the term. Students in these categories are not linked to Canvas. It is not uncommon that sophomores and upperclassmen are included in the roster. 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. For more information, please visit the Digital Measures website here.

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

Digital Measures (DM) is the repository for all these records, courses, financial information, et cetera. The DM is excited to announce new features in O365 and Teams. New changes will be made each week to faculty, staff, and students. For more information, visit the Digital Measures website here.

Textbook Orders

Faculty are reminded that required materials for any course must be available prior to the first day of class. Faculty must ensure that all materials are available prior to the first day of class. Faculty should note that assignments and grades in the Teams classroom will need to be moved to Canvas for extraction into uChek. The Inspire for Faculty (IFF) training will be available through the Registrar’s office.

Communication for Guest Access in MyMav

Students can now share aspects of their student information in MyMav with parents or guardians. Guests can view admissions status, grades and records, course financial information, et cetera. Guests will need to register for Guest Access in MyMav to Read about Call Merge, please visit www.uta.edu/records.

Fall 2020 Academic Calendar

Sept. 7: Labor Day No Class
Sept. 9: Census Date Nov. 6: Last day to drop class Nov. 24: Last day for in-person classes; Instruction moves to online after Thanksgiving. The full academic calendar is available in the Registrar’s snack bar.

Women Faculty (WSFN) Network Fall Event

Tuesday, Sept 8 5:45-7 pm
President Belk and provost will welcome all new faculty and staff through a virtual event. Ai are invited to Unite to receive the Teams link.

Inspire for Faculty

Sept 9
12-12:30 pm
The Inspire for Faculty (IFF) analysis tool allows faculty to view their student engagement patterns in near real-time within Canvas. Inspire offers easy, intuitive data for use in conversations early to impact success in the ongoing class. The training will be housed through Canvas.

WFSN Book Club

Selection for Fall 2020

Help us pick a book for the Women Faculty and Staff through a virtual book club! Please visit the Women Faculty and Staff (WFSN) virtual book club here. Campuses will have both in the fall session and a book club for discussion.

UCM Club

The Substance Free Zone located in the basement of Geis Hall is now open for pick up orders from faculty and staff. The new includes Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Orders may be placed at 217-272-5999 to place a large order.