

Faculty Affairs News 129 - September 5, 2019

Ally Allies Needed

We are seeking faculty volunteers who wish to pilot a new tool to improve accessibility of their course material. [Ally](#) works through Canvas to provide students choices for accessing materials: HTML for improved reading on mobile phones; electronic Braille for the visually impaired, and audio for learning on the go. Ally scans courses and offers accessibility scores, and suggestions for fixing issues. CDE will provide additional training and support. To volunteer your Fall 2019 course please sign up [here](#). We expect to roll out Ally to the entire campus in Spring 2020.

MyMav

UTA student focus groups have given a thumbs up to a new look for MyMav. Students can now access their information through a clean, [seamless design](#) allowing them to easily access their degree progress report, graduation application, financial aid statements and their courses. The [Fluid MyMav Project](#) will launch October 7. Faculty and advisors will be receiving additional information over the next month, as well as training and demonstrations. The [faculty MyMav](#) page will not change under this phase of the Fluid Project.



Faculty Senate Travel Funds

Tenured and tenure-track faculty are invited to apply for \$750 per academic year for travel for professional development or research presentations. [Applications](#) are reviewed monthly. Faculty Senate funds are available when other travel funds from the college, start-up or grant funds are insufficient. Last year, the Senate provided over \$30k in faculty support. For questions, please contact David.Coursey@uta.edu

Progress Report Grades in Canvas

Four-week grades or Progress Reports are required for [specific student groups](#) of students such as athletes and freshmen, and are [due Friday Sept. 20](#). Faculty for all undergraduate courses are encouraged to use a syllabus quiz or [similar assignment](#) as a progress report to provide an early indication of student engagement. The progress report allows for faster intervention by the [Division of Student Success](#). CDE's [training](#) page offers sessions on using the Canvas gradebook, and also offers [Canvas Open Lab Hours](#).

Important Fall 2019 Dates

- **Friday, September 6:** Census Date. Important for student enrollment counts and formula funding from the state.
- **Friday, October 11 at 12 noon:** [Midterm](#) (8-week) Grades Due
- **Friday, November 1:** last day to drop classes
- **November 27-28:** Thanksgiving Holiday
- **December 4:** last day of classes
- **December 18 at 12 noon:** [Final Grades](#) Due
- **~ December 23:** Student Feedback Reports ([SFS](#)) available to faculty

....Did You Know?

....vegetarian and vegan food from Kalachandjis in Dallas is now being offered at several dining locations on campus: the Market@UC, Mav Grab @UC and the MAC Market. For the weekly menu, go to www.kalachandjis.com

Upcoming Events

View [Upcoming events](#) on Faculty Affairs website.

Peer Review of Teaching Training

September 12
12:30- 2:30 pm
ERB 570

Open to all faculty. Faculty going up for tenure must have two observations; those going up for promotion to full professor, must have at least one observation of their teaching. Please RSVP [here](#).

Assessment Recognition

September 9
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Faculty and staff are invited to UTA's First Annual Assessment Awards Ceremony recognizing excellence in assessment practice among departments and faculty. The ceremony and reception will occur at the Carlisle

Don't Lose Your Data!

September 19
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

UTA Library's DataCAVE is running a number of workshops on data tools and strategies. The schedule is available [here](#) and is open to all faculty and students.

Fall Faculty & Associates Meeting

October 3rd
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Rio Grande Room, E. H. Hereford University Center. All Faculty are encouraged to attend and celebrate Emeriti faculty. No RSVP Required.

Research Integrity Symposium: International Collaborations and Foreign Research Activity

November 1

Foreign influence is a new challenge for universities to address at the same time that there is increased emphasis and scrutiny from the federal government and all of the federal funding agencies. Join us as we explore effective strategies for developing partnerships around the globe within ethical and legal guidelines. Please RSVP [here](#).

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