SRSU Professional Development Update:

Dean April Aultman Becker will discuss current and upcoming SRSU Professional Development opportunities for SRSU faculty and staff, the SRSU Professional Development initiative, and accessing the Professional Development website. For more information:

Contact Dean of Education and Cultural Resources April Aultman Becker at april.becker@sulross.edu or call ext.8121
Professional Development site on SR Info (with calendar): https://srinfo.sulross.edu/professionaldevelopment/

SRSU OIT Update:

Our new OIT-CIO Jacob Fuentes will tell us what's new with our SRSU Office365 areas (especially OneDrive/SharePoint & Teams) and provide updates on current OIT projects and services. For more information:

Contact Jacob Fuentes at jacob.fuentes@sulross.edu or call ext.8885
For general OIT requests contact the Lobo Technology Assistance Center at: ltac@sulross.edu or call 432-837-8888

SRSU Instructional Services / Blackboard Update: Turnitin Feedback Studio

Our Blackboard Turnitin anti-plagiarism tool is undergoing a transition. Turnitin LLC is ending support for an older version of the tool. The "old" Turnitin tool, which was found under your "Assessments" menu, was deactivated as of Monday, February 21, 2022, and can no longer be found there. You can still access assignments created in the old Turnitin tool, despite this change. The new, supported version of Turnitin has been available in our TSUS-SRSU Blackboard since August of 2021. This version is called "Turnitin Feedback Studio" and it can be found under the "Build Content" menu.

For more information:
Please view this [SHSU Online informational video](#) which explains this transition with instructions on using the new Turnitin Feedback Studio tool.
Also, here is a [Turnitin video walk-through on using the Turnitin Feedback Studio](#).

To learn more on how to use the new tool, please connect with your SRSU Team of Blackboard Instructional Designers directly:
Jorge Luna - jll092@shsu.edu
Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu
Estella Vega - estellav@sulross.edu

OR contact our 24/7 Online Support Desk either by email - blackboardsupport@sulross.edu or call toll-free at 888.837.6055
SRSU/SHSU Team Blackboard Spotlight: Blackboard Ultra Course View

SHSU Online's Associate Director for Instructional Technology Support Services Jacob Spradlin will give us a preview of the new, streamlined Blackboard landing page coming this summer and info on the new Blackboard Ultra course view available for SRSU Bb courses by no later than the start of fall 2022. We'll preview this Ultra course view look and feel, spotlight all the new tools and features, discuss upcoming Bb Ultra workshop/support resources, and happily answer all your 2022 timeline questions surrounding this exciting upgrade.

For more information:
Contact Jacob Spradlin at: spradlin@shsu.edu
Go to the SHSU Online Blackboard Learn Ultra Transition to Base Navigation resource website: https://online.shsu.edu/campus/bbultra/
Spotlight website page: Is the Ultra Course View Right for Me?

TO LEARN MORE ON BLACKBOARD TOOLS/FEATURES

- Visit our "Teaching Online with Blackboard" Instructor Resource Site where you can find support material and how-to videos on areas such as Blackboard Collaborate, Blackboard Retention Center, and Respondus Campus Wide.

To access our "Teaching Online with Blackboard" Instructor Resource Site within Blackboard, choose the "Faculty Central" tab at the top-right of your Blackboard dashboard, then choose the sub-tab called "Bb Resources".

Resource areas in the "Teaching Online with Blackboard" instructor resource site include:
Blended Teaching Webinars – You can sign up to take an “Online Self-Paced” courses.
Webinar Recordings – The latest SHSU Online webinar recording can be found here, among many others.
Teaching With Blackboard Menu Areas – Main menu areas covering Instructional Continuity, Synchronous Lectures & Meetings, Communicating with Students, Giving Tests in Blackboard, etc., including how-to videos and documentation.

Under Webinar Recordings in the TOWB main menu, you'll find the latest SHSU Online webinars (under "Digital Teaching Webinar Recordings"), such as:

- VoiceThread in Blackboard - Media Rich Discussions and More
- Blackboard Instructor Boot Camp - Course Template/Resource Walkthrough
- Blackboard Grade Center Best Practices
- Uploading Tests to Blackboard with Respondus Campus Wide
- Protecting and Proctoring Assessments with Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor
- The Retention Center in Blackboard (under "Institution Specific Recordings")