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 OIT-CIO Jacob Fuentes will give us an update on any items on the current OIT agenda that will affect SRSU faculty, staff, and students and will also preview what we can expect coming up this summer on any new 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 at 432-837-8888

SRSU Library Resources Update:

Our new Student Success Librarian Joslyn Sandlin will present on her new position at the SRSU Library and what her responsibilities to the SRSU community will be. Joslyn will also discuss new information on the library website and spotlight updates on library services, resources, and spaces.

Contact Joslyn Sandlin for more information at joslyn.sandlin@sulross.edu or ext. 8125, library.sulross.edu
Office: WLIB 110

SRSU Instructional Services/Blackboard Support: SRSU Bb Ultra May 21st Upgrade Overview

For more info on the change to our SRSU Blackboard landing page in Ultra, view these SHSU Online videos:
Digital Teaching Talk - All About That Base Navigation
Blackboard Original and Ultra Base Navigation - Landing Page Comparison
(An SHSU-centric comparison, but because we’re on the same TSUS Bb environment, apt for SRSU as well)

Reach out to one of our SRSU Instructional Designers this summer and ask to preview or move one of your courses to Ultra Course View:
Jorge Luna - jll092@shsu.edu
Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu
Estella Vega - estellav@sulross.edu
OR contact our 24/7 Online Support Desk - blackboardsupport@sulross.edu or call toll-free at 888.837.6055
SRSU/SHSU Team Blackboard Spotlight: The Blackboard Ultra Upgrade

At the previous spring Brown Bag, SHSU Online's Associate Director for Instructional Technology Support Services Jacob Spradlin gave us a preview of the new Blackboard landing page which will debut after our Blackboard Ultra upgrade occurs on May 21st. Jacob also previewed the new tools and features, look and feel, etc. of the Blackboard Ultra course view available for SRSU Bb courses by no later than the start of fall 2022. We'll provide updates on all of that while spotlighting the available Ultra upgrade informational areas, announcing upcoming Bb Ultra workshop/support resources, and happily answering all your 2022 Blackboard Ultra 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 ULTRA TOOLS/FEATURES

-Visit our "Teaching Online with Blackboard" Instructor Resource Site where you can find Blackboard Ultra support material and videos such as the "Ultra Base Navigation for Blackboard", “Blackboard Ultra Course View” or "Getting Your Bb Course Ultra Ready" webinars.

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 recordings including Bb Ultra previews can be found here.
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" & “Blackboard Learn Ultra Webinars”), such as:

- Getting Your Bb Course Ultra Ready
- Blackboard Ultra Course View
- Introducing Ultra Base Navigation for Blackboard
- VoiceThread in Blackboard - Media Rich Discussions and More
- Blackboard Instructor Boot Camp - Course Template/Resource Walkthrough
- Blackboard Grade Center Best Practices