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:

Director of Library and Research Technologies Betsy Evans on the new SR Library website, and updates on services, skills, resources, and spaces.

Contact Betsy Evans for more information at betsy.evans@sulross.edu or ext. 8312, library.sulross.edu

SRSU Instructional Services/Blackboard Support: SRSU Bb Ultra Upgrade Update:

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
SRSU Blackboard Landing Page Walk-through

Reach out to one of our SRSU Instructional Designers this fall and ask to move a course into a Blackboard sandbox so you can preview it in the Ultra Course View (to teach in spring 2023):
Jorge Luna - jll092@shsu.edu
Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu
OR contact our 24/7 Online Support Desk - blackboardsupport@sulross.edu or call toll-free at 888.837.6055

Sign up this fall for our Online Course Redesign & Faculty Certification Cohorts which is a fully online and asynchronous, 5-week program for SRSU online instructors. You will get a better understanding of course design and online pedagogies, a TSUS-SRSU certification, while also redesigning one of your online courses in the Blackboard Ultra Course view.
Stay tuned for a fall Course Redesign & Faculty Certification cohort announcements in late Aug.
SRSU/SHSU Team Blackboard Spotlight: LinkedIn Learning for SRSU

SHSU Online Senior Instructional Designer Rachel Scherer (rachel.scherer@shsu.edu) will discuss a new SRSU learning resource, LinkedIn Learning, which will provide 13,000 online training courses over all areas and will be available to SRSU faculty, staff, and students through Blackboard (thanks to our Shared Services Partnership with SHSU). Rachel will walk us through how an SRSU instructor can place LinkedIn Learning content or resources in a Blackboard course for students to interact with as an assignment or for informational/training content.

SHSU Online LinkedIn Learning FAQ
LinkedIn Learning Instructor’s Guide

For more information:
Reach out to your SRSU Instructional Designers for help with LinkedIn Learning resource pairing with your Blackboard course.

TO LEARN MORE ON BLACKBOARD ULTRA TOOLS/FEATURES (and access SRSU LinkedIn Learning):

Visit our newly updated "Teaching Online with Blackboard" Instructor Resource Site where you can find support material and how-to videos on using original and Ultra version Blackboard.

To access our new "Teaching Online with Blackboard" instructor resource site within Blackboard, choose "Organizations" from the Blackboard landing page menu and look for the Faculty Central TOWB Org course in your content area (you can also find it in your Faculty Central module on the institutional landing page). In the TOWB course you will find the following resources:

-Faculty and Staff Services – Sign up for Digital Teaching webinars or access training thru LinkedIn Learning!
-Bb Ultra Quickstart Guides, Blackboard Original & Ultra Help from A-Z
-SHSU Online Webinar Recordings – In the “Webinar Recordings” folder you’ll find the latest recorded SHSU Online webinars (under both "Ultra" and "Original" webinar recording folders), such as:
  • Introducing Ultra Base Navigation for Blackboard
  • Getting Your Bb Course Ultra Ready
  • Grading in Blackboard Ultra
  • VoiceThread in Blackboard - Media Rich Discussions and More (original Blackboard)
  • Blackboard Instructor Boot Camp - Original Course Template/Resource Walkthrough (original Blackboard)

.. and so much more in the new SRSU "Teaching Online with Blackboard" instructor resource site!