



# SPRING 2025 CONVOCATION WEEK

Monday, January 13

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

Jacob Brown Auditorium

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9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Convocation**

Jacob Brown Auditorium

*Welcome*

*Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, President*

*Message from the Board of Trustees*

*Mrs. Adela Garza, Chairwoman*

*College Update*

*Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, President*

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11:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch on your own**

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1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Divisional Meetings**

A&S - SETB Lecture  
Hall

*Meetings led by divisional deans*

HP – ITECC D102

All full-time faculty and instructional staff are required to participate  
in this meeting led by their divisional dean.

BEAT- E104

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4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Welcome and Orientation for Adjunct Faculty**

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**Registration Link**

[https://texassouthmostcollege.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_sO9uObTVQPK27qJJfRhCQ](https://texassouthmostcollege.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sO9uObTVQPK27qJJfRhCQ)

All adjunct faculty, as well as deans, department chairs, and program  
coordinators are required to participate.

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Tuesday, January 14

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8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast for Instruction

Jacob Brown  
Auditorium

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8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Instructional Day – Welcome

Jacob Brown  
Auditorium

*Dr. Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, President*

**AY 24-25 Instructional Highlights and Future Work**

All full-time faculty, instructional support staff, and administrators are required to participate.

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12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own

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1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Department Meetings

BSS – SETB Lecture  
Hall

*Meetings led by department chairs*

C&L - South 108

Math and Science-  
SETB 2.336

AMH - South 120

CMTT - C402

All full-time faculty are required to participate in this meeting led by their department chair.

ABDT – E104

HP Programs- ITECC

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3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Faculty Senate Meeting

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4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Dual Credit Faculty Convocation Orientation

Registration Link

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Wednesday, January 15

Faculty Prep Day

Thursday, January 16

Professional Development Training (See below)

Friday, January 17

Professional Development Training (See below)

## Thursday, January 16, 2025

Time	Room: Tandy 211	Room: Tandy 212	Room: Tandy 213
8:30-9:20 AM	Brainfuse Online Tutoring	Institutional Effectiveness and SACSCOC	Simple Syllabus
9:30-10:20 AM	Speedgrader and Gradebook	Libguides – Digital Library	In-person Tutoring
10:30-11:20 AM	SACSCOC Accreditation Q&A	Importing Content in Canvas	Watermark Course Evaluations

## Friday, January 17, 2025

Time	Room: Tandy 211	Room: Tandy 212	Room: Tandy 213
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- **Brainfuse Online Tutoring**
  - Description: When your student’s schedule has them away from campus, and they can’t meet an in-person tutor, Brainfuse online tutoring is available to them 24/7. Get on the platform your students are using with the Faculty Dashboard on Brainfuse. We’ll also use this time to dive into the powerful career builder tool, eParachute, along with other Academic tools you can share with your students.
  
- **Speedgrader and Gradebook features- Canvas ETOL**
  - Description: In this session, we will cover add new attempts, extra credit grading options, how to email all students with non submission or a certain grade all at once, how to add comments/annotations/audio/upload files into assignment submission.
  
- **Navigating Accreditation: Demystifying SACSCOC and Institutional Effectiveness at Texas Southmost College**



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- Are you curious about the inner workings that drive Texas Southmost College's commitment to excellence in education and student success? Embark on a journey of understanding as we delve into the realm of accreditation and the intricacies of institutional effectiveness at Texas Southmost College. In this illuminating session, we will demystify the SACSCOC accreditation process and unveil the vital role that institutional effectiveness plays in shaping TSC's commitment to excellence in education and student success.
- **Libguides- Digital Library**
  - Description: In this session, you will learn about our new LibGuides website which provides field specific educational resources.
- **Canvas Commons & Importing Content ETOL**
  - Description: Join us for a comprehensive workshop that will equip faculty members with the skills to selectively import content into the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS), ensuring a tailored and efficient course creation experience. This workshop will provide faculty with an overview on how to import selectively on the Canvas LMS. We will also introduce faculty members to the Canvas Commons feature within the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) – a hub of collaboration and innovation where educators can discover, share, and adopt a wealth of course content. This workshop will provide faculty with an overview of the Canvas Commons feature on the Canvas LMS.
- **Simple Syllabus- ETOL**
  - Description: Join us for an enlightening session that will introduce you to the SimpleSyllabus tool – a game-changing platform designed to streamline syllabus creation, enhance communication, and empower student success. All faculty are required to use SimpleSyllabus for their course syllabi.
- **In-Person Tutoring Services**
  - Description: Your helping hand outside of the classroom, The Centers for Academic Excellence will be sharing our latest news for in-person tutoring. Refer your students to our friendly tutors with confidence and let's synergize to support our students on their journey to success!
- **Watermark Course Evaluations**
  - Description: Discover the power of Watermark, our cutting-edge course evaluation tool, in a focused and insightful 30-minute session. This session is designed to guide you through accessing your results from the previous semester with ease and efficiency. Join us as we explore the step-by-step process for deploying end-of-course evaluations, highlighting effective communication strategies implemented for seamless execution. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the result access cycle, enabling you to navigate and utilize the feedback efficiently.
- **SACSCOC Q&A**
  - Texas Southmost College will be going through a number of SACSCOC evaluations in 2025. Come and hear about them and what you can do to make these evaluations a success.