

Information Technology Council Meeting

Tuesday – January 13, 2026

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Minutes

Chair Jeff Coiner, CIO called the session to order at 3:37 pm and a quorum was present.

Members' Present: Jeff Coiner (Chair), Greg Rainwater (Deputy Chair) (Remote), Phil Bridges (Remote), Dr. David Meinert, Angela Barker, William Hader, Brad Davidson, Brian Hayes, Drew Marcum, Breno Viani, and Ian Alaimo (Remote)

Also, present: Theresa McCoy and Nicole Muse

1. Welcome Jeff Coiner

- Approval of minutes from 10.07.2025

Attendees were asked if they had any questions or comments about the minutes from the last meeting. No changes or objections were noted.

Decision: Previous meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Action Item: Nicole to post the approved minutes on the website.

2. SCUF request and process Greg Rainwater

The Student Computing User Fund (SCUF) allocates resources that directly support student computing across the University system. Each March, the SCUF Advisory Committee reviews and prioritizes proposals and submits funding recommendations to the IT Council. Proposal presentations may be requested as needed. Final approvals are made by the IT Council, with awards announced in April. Funding priorities include open-access computer lab operations, contractual software obligations, student workers and graduate assistants, ongoing or life-cycle commitments, and full funding of the ten percent SCUF Reserve.

SCUF funds may only be used for initiatives that directly benefit student computing; faculty or staff computers, classroom presentation equipment, and personnel not fully dedicated to student support are not eligible. Departments must notify the SCUF Advisory Committee when SCUF-funded items reach end of use to allow for reassignment to other student needs or appropriate disposal. Awarded funds must be invested within one year unless an extension is approved, with unspent funds returned to the Office of the Provost.

3. Technology Policy Updates Jeff Coiner

Computer and Information Services Policies have been a key initiative for the leadership team within the Office of Information Services. These policies were outdated and required substantial updates to align with current technology practices and industry standards. The revisions address acceptable use, user responsibilities, and clearly define points of contact for clarification and support.

As technology continues to evolve, this chapter will remain an ongoing effort to ensure policies stay relevant, effective, and forward-looking.

Information Technology policies include:

- [Op12.02-1 Acceptable Use](#)
- [Op12.02-2 Information Technology Accessibility](#)
- [Op12.02-3 Networks and Telecommunications](#)
- [Op12.02-4 Email Communications](#)
- [Op12.02-8 Privacy](#)
- [Op12.02-11 Web](#)
- [Op12.02-12 Commercial Activity](#)

4. 2025 Year in Review

Jeff Coiner

Phase one of the Cheek Hall renovation is on schedule for completion in February 2026, with the new Network Center fully operational as the central hub for the Springfield campus and the legacy data center officially decommissioned; despite temporary and challenging workspaces, staff have been highly supportive, and extensive planning has positioned the project well for phase two.

Technology for the Alliance for Healthcare Education has been operational since Fall 2025, with continued collaboration among Alliance partners to support current operations and new construction planning.

The Advising Toolkit for Learning & Academic Success (ATLAS) has launched successfully, receiving strong feedback and expanding access to unified student data across Springfield and West Plains campuses to improve student support.

Key Computer and Information Services policies have been updated and approved, with the governing Information Assurance policy advancing to the Board of Governors, improving clarity, security, and operational alignment.

The University completed its Windows 10 end-of-life transition ahead of schedule after a multi-year effort, implemented new strategic plan tracking software (SPOL), and is supporting the Conference USA transition by evaluating technology service opportunities.

Additionally, progress continues account management automation initiatives, with promising early results, reflecting a strong commitment to advancing infrastructure, security, and technology in support of the University's mission and strategic goals.

5. 2026 Meeting Schedule & Locations

Due to Cheek Hall renovation, the Office of Information Services will temporarily relocate to University Hall.

- Proposal approved to rotate meetings through colleges:
 - Host colleges will present:
 - Key projects
 - Technologies in use
 - Facility and lab technologies

- Challenges and opportunities
- Innovation Fund projects (current or proposed)
- May include tours and staff introductions
- Purpose: increase awareness and reduce presentation burden on central IT.

Tentative Hosting Schedule

- February: Ian (confirmed)
- March: SCUF funding requests, budget review, and vote
 - Possible location: Library (suggested as a distributed service area)
- May & July: Glass (schedule flexible)
- Future volunteer:
 - Brad Davidson
 - J. Vic (admin contact: Shelley Deckard, Research Coordinator)

6. Reminders/Updates All

- Sunday, 02/01/2026 is the Banner upgrade day

7. Next meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 All

- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
- KMPT 105

The members of the IT Council did not have any other business to discuss.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.