

Information Technology Council Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2026

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Minutes

Chair Jeff Coiner, CIO called the session to order at 2:34 pm and a quorum was present.

Members' Present: Jeff Coiner (Chair), Greg Rainwater (Deputy Chair), C.J. Collins (Remote), Mansa Aryal (SGA), Keri Elrod (Remote) Phil Bridges (Remote), Dr. David Meinert (Remote), Angela Barker, William Hader, Brad Davidson (Remote), Brian Hayes, Drew Marcum, Breno Viani, Michael Foster, and Ian Alaimo (Remote)

Also, present: Theresa McCoy (Remote), Steve Coffman, and Nicole Muse

1. Welcome Jeff Coiner
 - Approval of minutes from 02.03.2026

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 Proposal Overview Greg Rainwater

Greg reviewed the Student Computer Usage Fee (SCUF) proposals for FY27 and compared them with FY26 allocations.

- **Central Software**

Most allocations remained unchanged. The Microsoft Campus Agreement cost distribution was adjusted, increasing the student share from 42% to 50%. This change reflects updated technology usage patterns and helps address campus budget pressures.
- **Licensing and Software**

Several software allocations increased slightly while others remained unchanged. The TeamDynamix licensing percentage may need further review due to the high number of student-generated support tickets.
- **Brightspace**

Funding levels remained unchanged.
- **Classroom Technology**

Funding decreased due to removal of a one-time funding increase that had been approved during the previous fiscal year.
- **Central Networking**

Network service funding increased by \$50,000. Members noted that this increase still does not fully cover the overall cost of campus networking.
- **Adobe Computer Lab Licenses**

A question was raised regarding the current allocation of 344 lab seats accurately reflects current usage. Additional verification will occur.

3. Innovation Funding Proposals

Greg Rainwater

Overview

- Total budget: ~\$275,000
- 13 proposals submitted totaling ~\$603,000
- 2 proposals removed from consideration:
 - Large VR classroom (requires further planning)
 - Laptop checkout system (integration concerns)

Discussion Highlights

- Strong interest in VR-related initiatives.
- Emphasis on:
 - One-time funding only
 - Projects aligning with university strategic goals
 - Broad student impact

Key Concerns

Need for:

- Defined selection criteria
- Pilot programs before large investments
- Matching funds from departments
- Post-implementation reporting on effectiveness
- Shared access across departments

Next Steps

- Full proposals to be distributed.
- Members to review and submit questions.
- Potential “Shark Tank”-style presentations at next meeting.
- Consider development of evaluation rubric.

4. SOAR Chromebook Proposal

Ian Alaimo

Summary Proposal

- Purchase 250–300 Chromebooks + carts
- Use for SOAR (student orientation) and year-round academic needs

Benefits

- Streamlined student registration process
- Increased mobility and flexibility
- Positive pilot results from MCHHS

Considerations

- Device management and IT support structure
- Wireless/network capacity
- Ongoing maintenance at college level
- Optional participation for colleges

Additional Discussion Points

- Course fees vs. SCUF funding responsibilities
- Expansion of device wireless and lab accessibility
- Need for cross-department collaboration on shared resources

5. Reminders/Updates

All

- Office of Information Services is moving into University Hall on Wednesday, March 18, 2026
- On Sunday 26 April 2026, Banner Q1 upgrades will be applied to the

production system. During this time, you should plan for Banner and related systems to be unavailable between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.

6. Next Meeting is Thursday, March 26, 2026 All

- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
- Library Room 206

The members of the IT Council did not have any other business to discuss.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.