



Information Technology Council Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2026

Minutes

Chair Jeff Coiner, CIO called the session to order at 11:04 am and a quorum was present.

Members Present: Jeff Coiner (Chair), Greg Rainwater (Deputy Chair), C.J. Collins (Remote), Mary Bohlen, Phil Bridges, Dr. David Meinert, Angela Barker, William Hader, Brad Davidson, Brian Hayes, Breno Viani, Ian Alaimo and Eric Shively.

Also present: Dr. Tamera Jahnke, Theresa McCoy, Kristi Oetting, and Nicole Muse

1. Welcome

Jeff Coiner

- Approval of minutes from 04.17.2026
- No corrections or comments were offered regarding the previous meeting minutes.
Decision: Previous meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
Action Item: Nicole to post the approved minutes on the [website](#).

2. Innovation Funding

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- The Innovation Funding Review process remains underway.
- A scoring matrix has been developed to assist with evaluating submitted proposals.
- Due to summer schedules and limited time for review, funding decisions have been postponed until the August 2026 IT Council meeting.
- Thirteen project submissions have been compiled and summarized using Microsoft Copilot, significantly reducing administrative effort and providing a consolidated review spreadsheet.
- Available funding remains intact pending final project selections.
- Members were encouraged to review proposals prior to the August meeting.
- Several promising projects remain under consideration.

3. Overview of CNAS & Tour

Brian Hays, Dr. Tamera Jahnke

Mr. Hays provided an overview of technology operations supporting the **College of Natural and Applied Sciences (CNAS)**, including Computer Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Biology, Chemistry, and partner organizations.

Current Technology Environment

- Approximately 460 user workstations across CNAS

- 250 user-assigned devices
 - 50 shared-use devices
 - 135 Intune-managed devices
- Approximately 25 Mac devices managed
- More than 15 high-performance research workstations supporting advanced computing and research initiatives.
- Roughly 20 iPads are in operation
- Approximately 70 classroom computers

Computer Labs

- Current renovations have temporarily reduced lab availability to 10–11 labs and approximately 175 computers.
- Fall 2026 projection:
 - 12 labs
 - Approximately 200 computers
- Spring 2027 projection:
 - 17 labs
 - Approximately 360 computers

Server Infrastructure

- Approximately 10 servers support CNAS operations
- Environment includes:
 - Physical rack servers
 - Linux systems
 - Windows systems
 - Virtual servers
 - Research and licensing management servers
- Research computing needs continue to expand, particularly around grant-funded projects and high-performance computing (HPC) initiatives

Equipment Lifecycle

- CNAS follows a standard five-year replacement cycle for computing equipment
- Older devices are often repurposed for graduate assistants and instructional needs when practical

Research and Grant Computing Growth

- Discussion centered on future infrastructure needs associated with research growth
- Several grant proposals involving high-performance computing resources are currently under consideration
- Additional data center capacity may be needed as research computing requirements increase
- Existing university facilities, including the underground technology facility and the Larry Shannon Data Center, may provide future expansion opportunities

CNAS Facilities and Renovation Update

Cheek Hall Renovations

- Faculty and staff from Computer Science and Mathematics have begun returning to renovated office spaces.
- Phase 1 renovations are substantially complete.
- Final finishing work is underway throughout the building.
- Renovation work remains on schedule with major completion expected by the end of July.
- Office areas are expected to be fully occupied within the coming weeks

Student Spaces

- The historic "Pit" student gathering space has been preserved in response to feedback from students and alumni.
- New furnishings, carpeting, and lighting enhancements have been installed.
- Additional student collaboration spaces and rooftop patio areas were highlighted during the tour.

Sustainability Features

- New building windows include bird-safe visual treatments designed to reduce bird strikes.
- Open-concept spaces and natural lighting were incorporated throughout the renovation project.

Building Tour

Following the business portion of the meeting, attendees participated in a guided tour by Dr. Tamera Jahnke of the renovated areas within the CNAS facilities.

Highlights included:

- Newly renovated faculty offices
- Student collaboration areas
- Graduate student research spaces
- Computer laboratories
- Rooftop patio and common spaces
- Ongoing construction and renovation progress updates.

4. Next meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2026

All

- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- Glass 485
- College of Business, Drew Marcom is presenting

The members of the IT Council did not have any other business to discuss.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.