

Information Technology Council Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2026

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Glass Hall 0485

Minutes

Chair Jeff Coiner, CIO called the session to order at 3:36 pm and a quorum was present.

Members' Present: Jeff Coiner (Chair), Greg Rainwater (Deputy Chair), C.J. Collins (Remote), Dr. Heidi Backes, Mary Bohlen, Dr. David Meinert, Tucker Starkey, Angela Barker, William Hader, Brad Davidson (Remote), Brian Hayes, Kevin Piercy, and Drew Marcum.

Also present: Theresa McCoy, Eric Shively, Keri Elrod (Remote), Dr. Richard Gebken, Dr. Kimberly Swanson Church, Dr. Xiang Guo, Jason Speer, Dr. Marcia K. Himes, Dr. Ashlea D. Cardin and Nicole Muse

1. Welcome Jeff Coiner

The Council reviewed the meeting minutes of 08.13.2026 and there were no questions or concerns.

Decision: 08.13.2026 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

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

2. Innovation Funding Presentations All

College of Business

1. School of Construction Design and Project Management Dr. Richard Gebken

The Council reviewed an Innovation Funding proposal from the Construction Education Success Center for a permanently installed, large-format display system in the newly completed high-bay laboratory space. The system would support digital instructional content, demonstrations, safety training, technical videos, software walkthroughs, and student presentations. The total estimated project cost is \$50,000, with a \$25,000 Innovation Funding request (50% match) and \$25,000 in matching funds from the College/School or other sources.

2. Pendleton Family School of Accountancy Dr. Kimberly Swanson Church

The Council reviewed an Innovation Funding proposal to develop a scalable, experiential learning ecosystem integrating AI, augmented reality (AR), and virtual reality (VR) into the ACC 201: Introduction to Financial Accounting course. The project would provide hands-on activities using AI tools, AR/VR simulations, and real-world accounting scenarios to strengthen students' AI literacy, critical thinking, ethical technology use, and accounting skills. The initiative would pilot the experiential learning model with approximately 100 students in Fall 2026 and provide a scalable framework for incorporating emerging technologies into accounting education.

3. Information Technology and Cybersecurity Dr. Xiang Guo & Jason Speer

The committee reviewed a one-time SCUF Innovation Funding request for the Enterprise Network SOC Sensor Pipeline for Cybersecurity Training. The proposal seeks \$22,720 to expand hands-on cybersecurity training through the purchase of eight Palo Alto PA-445 firewalls, ten SOC sensor appliances, and eight Cisco Catalyst 1200 switches. The project will create a repeatable enterprise network environment that enables students to configure SPAN, monitor network traffic, investigate threats, and conduct evidence-based security analysis using industry-standard tools such as Palo Alto NGFWs, Zeek, and Suricata. Discussion highlighted the need to modernize existing lab infrastructure, support concurrent course sections, strengthen CAE curriculum requirements, and provide workforce-ready skills through experiential learning. The committee noted the project's sustainability through reusable hardware and open-source tools, as well as its alignment with institutional goals related to innovation, student success, industry engagement, and cybersecurity workforce development.

McQuery College

1. School of Health Care Professions

Dr. Marcia K. Himes

The Physical Therapy Program presented an Innovation Funding proposal requesting \$30,000 to purchase a telemetry monitoring system, including 10 Edan iT20 telemetry transmitters, a central monitoring system, a laptop and monitor, and related supplies. The system would provide students with real-time telemetry monitoring during laboratory and patient-care experiences, enhancing clinical decision-making, data interpretation, communication, and patient safety while preparing students for acute-care clinical rotations. The proposal also identified opportunities to support a future pro bono cardiac rehabilitation program and expand interprofessional learning with Nursing, Social Work, and Dietetics. The Physical Therapy Program currently serves approximately 120 students, provides more than 19,000 volunteer hours annually, and treats more than 500 patients each year.

2. School of Health Care Professions

Dr. Ashlea D. Cardin

Dr. Ashlea Cardin presented a \$44,500 Innovation Funding request for rehabilitation technology for the Occupational Therapy Clinic and classroom. The funding would support PAMS/electrotherapy equipment and rehabilitation technology to provide students with hands-on clinical training and support the OT pro bono clinic. The proposal also supports ACOTE accreditation requirements, workforce preparation, and MSU strategic goals. The request is intended as a one-time capital investment.

3. McQueary College of Health and Human Services

Eric P. Shively

Eric Shively presented the Student Laptop Access Kiosk Proposal from the McQueary College of Health and Human Services. The proposal outlined the need for reliable, immediate laptop access for students experiencing device, battery, software, or other technology issues. The laptops at any time self-service kiosk would automate the checkout and return process, provide access from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., track devices, reduce staff involvement, and offer both laptops and portable battery options. The proposed kiosk would support student success and equity by reducing technology barriers and aligns with Missouri State University's Strategic Plan Goal 1, Academic Opportunities and Innovation. The initial quote for the Combo Host Kiosk is \$42,544, with annual fees of approximately \$4,994 thereafter.

3. Next meeting on Monday, September 28, 2026

All

- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
- Glass Hall, Room 0485

The members of the IT Council did not have any other business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.