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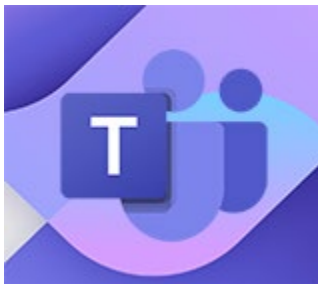
Microsoft Copilot: Artificial Intelligence Tool

Microsoft Copilot is a generative AI tool currently available to Minnesota State faculty and staff, and should soon be available to students as well. It offers the benefits of data protection and compliance with Minnesota State Board of Trustees Policies and Procedures.

Learn more about Copilot in the Academic and Student Affairs January 2024 newsletter.

New Features in Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams has introduced changes for channels and generating unique links for external presenters.

New Channels Experience

- The compose box and recent posts will appear at the top of the page.
- Users can pop-out posts, keep an eye on the discussion, while continuing to work on other topics.
- You can now pin posts to make it easy for everyone to know what's important in the channel and quickly reference it.
- Badging will make it easier for users to understand when there are new unread activities in Teams.

Generate Unique Links for External Presenters

- Webinar organizers can add presenters outside of the Minnesota State system by sending them a link that will allow them to directly enter the event, without having to be manually admitted from the event lobby.

Loop Components

- Features that allow for unique collaboration efforts including checklists, voting, short paragraph editing and more.

Explore these new features in Teams. Contact HuskyTech if you need assistance.

IT Security Tip: Avoid Romance-related Scams

Valentine's Day is known for being expensive, but it's not just flowers, gifts and dining out that can be costly. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), romance scammers reportedly cost nearly 70,000 consumers $1.3 billion in 2022.

Follow safety tips from the FTC including:

- Never send money or gifts to a "sweetheart" you haven't met in person.
- If you suspect a romance scam, stop communicating with the person immediately.
- If you think it's a scam, report it to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Notify the social networking site or app where you met the scammer, too.

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