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ITS Newsletter Archives

Information Technology Services' series of monthly emails to all employees aimed at improving communications with campus about tips, information, technology updates and services offered in ITS.

HuskyTech Transition Update



HuskyTech has continued to make progress in its <u>transition</u> from a "one stop shop" to a technology support and innovation hub.

Recently, HuskyTech hosted *Palette of Possibilities: Art-Tech Innovation Days*, where multiple students, faculty and staff had opportunities to share and learn about innovative technologies applicable to the field of Art. HuskyTech also recently hosted inventory reduction sales due to its discontinuation of personal retail sales.

HuskyTech's next event (Dec. 5 and 7 from 10am-2pm) will offer Huskies a more casual opportunity to experience <u>free virtual gaming</u> with Professor Mark Gill, and also plans to announce an additional sale for December.

Thanks to all Huskies who have supported these efforts!

ITS Day of Food on December 14th



We are excited to invite all faculty and staff to participate in the ITS Day of Food Winter Potluck on December 14th from 11:30am-1:30pm in Miller Center 112. Hope to see you there!

Clarification of HyFlex Modalities



Minnesota State has updated the language regarding HyFlex instruction. All HyFlex variations require in-person instruction on each scheduled meeting day of the course.

SCSU has provided clarifying communications about these updates to students through the eServices Registration Catalogue and eServices Course Schedule, indicating what variation of HyFlex a specific course section is scheduled for delivery in Spring 2024. The following descriptions are included at the course section level:

HyFlex Synchronous (HYFS): Allows two modalities: Inperson and online synchronous. Students choose daily which modality to participate in.

HyFlex Asynchronous (HYFA): Allows two modalities: Inperson and online asynchronous. Students choose daily which modality to participate in.

HyFlex Trimodal (HYFT): Allows three modalities: in-person and online synchronous and online asynchronous. Students choose daily which modality to participate in.

Please contact the Office of Records and Registration if you have questions about these updates.

Alternative Host Access to Zoom Recordings in Kaltura MediaSpace



Please be aware that due to a Kaltura update, users designated as an alternative host for Zoom meetings are now automatically added as co-editors and co-publishers of the video entry in Kaltura MediaSpace. If you designate an alternative host for a Zoom meeting and do not want that host to have access to the Mediaspace video, you will need to manually remove their collaborator permissions.

Minnesota State has shared feedback with Kaltura on the need for even more user control for this automatic process. You may contact D2L@stcloudstate.edu if you have questions about this change.

IT Modernization Highlight: Transact Upgrade



ITS is dedicated to provide modern, stable and secure services. Accordingly, we recently completed a required upgrade to the Blackboard/Transact system over Thanksgiving Break. The system enables important services such as door swipe access, electronic meal payments, Blizzard Bucks and more! The upgrade also provided a level of future-readiness by enabling the ability for potential features such as mobile credentialing (ID cards on mobile devices.)

IT Security Tip: Vacation and Travel



Travel can leave us more vulnerable to cyberattacks due to the potential of <u>unsecured internet use</u>. With the cold weather and holiday season upon us, we recommend checking out <u>National Cybersecurity Alliance's Vacation and Travel Security Tips</u> to help protect yourself when traveling.

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