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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.

SCSU Website Search Enhancement

Early this month, the "Search stcloudstate.edu" website tool will be updated to a cloud-based service offering:
- Improved usability through predictive text suggestions and the ability to filter results
- Continuous results enhancement through machine-based learning of user activity
- Analytics to enable improved website strategy for the institution

Please contact web@stcloudstate.edu if you have any questions.

Microsoft Office 365 Shared Tenant Project Update

SCSU's Office 365 project team is meeting with various groups on campus to increase the awareness of the project and help our campus community understand what to expect during and after the transition to Minnesota State's Office 365 Shared Tenant.

See the Office 365 project site for more information or to submit a request to have the project team meet with your unit.

Minnesota State D2L Training Materials

The following materials are available from the D2L training sessions offered by Minnesota State in February:
- Create Rubrics and Understand Rubric Status
- Using Rubrics to Score Assignments and Discussions
- Assignments: New Grading Experience and Preview of Annotations Feature

The slide decks for these trainings, which include links to the recordings, are located on the IMS Sharepoint site (login with YourStarID@minnstate.edu and StarID password). Please contact D2L@stcloudstate.edu with any questions.

Electronic Classroom Updates: VCR Removal

This summer, ITS will be wrapping up the majority of a two year initiative to phase out VCR units from electronic classrooms by removing most VCR and DVD/VCR combination units in Stewart Hall, Centennial Hall and Webster Hall.

As a reminder, the Event Management System (EMS) will be updated as changes are made and there are several individuals available on campus to provide guidance on moving to online media:
- Rachel Wexelbaum or Jo Flanders, University Library
  - Locating content in DVD or streaming video
  - Seeking permissions for digitization
- Tom Hergert or Plamen Miltenoff, InforMedia Services
  - Advising on best practices for digitization
  - Uploading media to Kaltura MediaSpace in D2L
- Greg Jorgensen or Sara Grachek, ITS – Academic Technologies Team
  - Captioning of materials
- Sam Johnson, ITS – HuskyTech/E-Classrooms
  - Special equipment requests
  - Questions about media players on campus

Did You Know?

St. Cloud State University has adopted a "Cloud First" strategy, including virtual storage and software delivery. This strategic initiative offers many benefits to our campus community including:
- Faster and more cost-effective software delivery
- Reduced labor costs in server construction and maintenance
- Enhanced security and reliability

Watch for more information on using cloud services as a means of providing software on demand, digital classes and enhanced collaboration opportunities.

Contact HuskyTech for technical services, support and sales.

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