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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.*

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### Freeze on Nonessential Changes During Start of Fall Semester

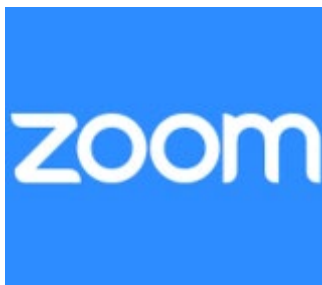


ITS is preparing to effectively support Convocation week and the start of the semester, including ensuring that resources are available to assist with online course delivery, technology issues and more.

To limit service disruption during the start of fall semester, the MinnState and SCSU IT departments will not complete [changes to technology services and systems](#) that are not essential for business operations (e.g. look and feel changes) between Monday, August 14th, through Wednesday, August 30th, 2023.

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### Technology Changes in Select Classrooms



To support changing instructor needs and offer modernized classroom technology services, several classrooms were updated over summer:

- CH 494 - Cameras & microphone added to support web conferencing services such as Zoom.
- CH 106 - Modified to a "Zoom room" for easy Zoom scheduling and hosting.
- CH 4, 343, 352 and 498 - Instructor cameras added to support teaching needs.
- ECC 118 and 120 - Whiteboard cameras and laptop docking stations added.

[Contact ITS](#) for more information or assistance with classroom technologies.

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### IT Modernization Highlight: GitHub Classroom

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Every student needs feedback and support as they learn to code. [GitHub](#) allows an instructor to provide advice as they go. [GitHub Classroom](#) simplifies the use of GitHub in computer science education. GitHub Classroom makes it easier to use familiar workflows with some automation and ease for students.

Please [contact ITS](#) if you are interested in joining our early adopters already using GitHub Classroom.

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### New System for HR and Finance Processes Coming July 2024



Minnesota State is implementing [Workday](#) as the new tool to support the business process needs of payroll, HR, finance, procurement, student administration, finance and other functions.

The first phase of the Workday implementation includes replacing the Integrated Statewide Record System (ISRS) with Workday for HR and finance processes across Minnesota State. This first phase will go live in July 2024. SCSU employees can expect communications to ramp up over the academic year and training in spring.

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### IT Support Tip: Get Started with AI Using Microsoft Bing



It's easy to start using generative artificial intelligence (AI) through Microsoft Bing on the Edge web browser. Generative AI allows you to get answers, create images and more through AI-powered chat.

Learn more on the [Microsoft website](#).

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### IT Security Tip: Back Up Important Files



ITS recommends saving important files to Microsoft Teams or OneDrive so they are automatically backed up in the cloud. In the event of a hardware failure, lost device or malware, your files may still be able to be recovered.

Always refer to [Minnesota State's Data Storage and Sharing Recommendations](#) when saving sensitive data. Contact HuskyTech with [questions](#) or to [request training](#) on Teams or OneDrive.

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