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This newsletter wraps up seven years of monthly emails about tips, information, technology updates and services offered in ITS. This information is important to continue sharing, and we look forward to utilizing UComm communication channels to do so in the future.

Thank you for your readership of the newsletter!

Esports Cloud Con Events



We invite you to attend Cloud Con on March 10th, 10am-8pm, in the AMC Ballroom. There you can experience a variety of esports and gaming events and participate in the regional [Northstar II tournament](#), and/or experience a variety of esports activities designed to complement Northstar's offerings during the [Esports Festival](#).

We hope to see you there!

Student-Centered Digital Forms & Workflows Requiring Action



SCSU uses digital forms for many student services with built-in workflows to efficiently coordinate reviews and approvals between those involved in the process, such as advisors, faculty and others across campus. When a review or approval is needed to continue the workflow of these forms, those who need to take action will receive an email with the action required. These emails will arrive in a standard template and should not be considered spam.

If you are involved in any type of [digital form workflow process](#), it is important you are watching for and completing the steps required for that workflow. If action isn't taken, this could cause delays for the workflow and for students needing the workflow to occur.

New D2L Brightspace Course Available for *Workday Student Information*



Most communications to campus this year will focus on the implementation of *Workday Finance and Human Capital Management* because those services will go live in July 2024. However, many have expressed interest in *Workday Student*, which will be implemented at a later date.

Faculty and staff interested in learning more about *Workday Student* can self-enroll into a new D2L Brightspace course, [Welcome to Workday Student](#), which includes recorded sessions that demonstrate some of the *Workday Student* functionality.

Minnesota CIOs Visit SCSU



CIOs from across Minnesota visited SCSU on Saturday, February 24, to learn about [SCSU Esports](#) and cheer on the Huskies at the hockey game. This event was a great opportunity to highlight esports in the academic world and recognize SCSU as a leader in this space. Following the event, multiple participants reached out to share their surprise and delight about SCSU Esports and to thank the team for hosting a great event.

IT Security Tip: Be Careful Using QR Codes

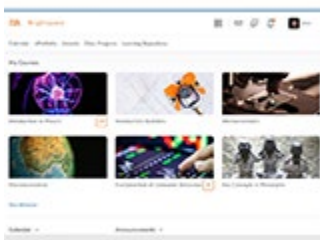


Quick Response (QR) codes, are square barcodes that a smartphone camera can read to provide a quick link to a website, app download or direct a payment. QR codes are convenient and used by many businesses and organizations, however, be aware that cybercriminals can use QR codes to steal data, spread malware and gain access to victim accounts. In fact, we have seen QR codes used in phishing messages at SCSU.

To protect yourself, treat QR codes like any other link. Only scan trusted codes, never download an unknown application to read a QR code and use built-in services through iOS and Android devices to verify the QR code link before navigating to that link.

Learn about avoiding QR code scam through the FRSecure's article, "[How to Avoid QR Code Scams: Did You Really Just Scan That??](#)"

IT Support Tip: Easier Navigation in D2L Brightspace



There are a couple of tools that can help faculty more easily navigate D2L Brightspace:

- The *My Courses Widget* allows you to select which courses are displayed.
- Faculty can switch between their courses more efficiently by using the *Course Selector* at the top middle of the screen (looks like a waffle.)

Learn more about these tools through SCSU's [My Courses Widget guide](#).

Did You Know? IT Advisory Council



The IT Advisory Council (ITAC) exists to provide recommendations to the ITS Leadership Team to optimize IT's business value as a strategic asset through alignment of the IT strategy, initiatives and operations to the current and future strategic direction of the University, and ensure the campus community is effectively supported with technology and IT practices to meet its diverse needs.

ITAC membership includes representatives from Academic Affairs, administration, bargaining units (AFSCME, IFO, MAPE, MMA, MSUAASF), Student Affairs and the Student Government Association.

Interested participants can work with their supervisor and bargaining unit to fill vacancies when available.

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