

University Technology Advisory Group (uTAG) Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 • 3:00 PM / 15:00

Attendance

Athena Brooks	Khaing Saw	Katy Valentin	Megan Owens	CBT has no tech rep	Jeffrey Calhoun
Linda Prosisie	Isaac Hunter Dunlap	Public Safety not filled as they have a tech rep	Bridget Sheng	CITR has no tech rep	Dawn Sweet
Ketra Roselieb	Rachael Beaudry	Nicholas Katz	Rebel Mickelson	Chad Sperry	John Shiraki
Holly Sutton	Dana VanBebber	Benjamin Beach	Charles Chadwell	Peter McMeekan	
Curtis Williams	Dennis DeVolder	Sonya Hicks	Nicholas Miguel	Jason Kubis	
Il-Seop Shin	Cassandra Standberry	Matt McConnell	Michelle Simmons	Stacie Hunt	
Walt McGath	Justin Griffith	Liguo Song	Michael Lorenzen	Paul Sweet	
Alisha Looney	Alexander Grosstephan	Beth Hansen	Katherine Broughton	Ian Szechowycz	
Keith Boeckelman	Joe Roselieb	Yeongkwun Kim	James McQuillan	CIO vacant	
Tara Feld	Christopher Pynes	George Mangalaraj	Harrison Dehnert	Dan Romano	
Lorette Oden	Will Thomas	Leaunda Hemphill	Patty Mason	Robert Emmert	
Rashmi Sharma	Rita Moore	Curtis Simonson	Stephen Druse	Jeremy Merritt	

Upcoming Technology Maintenance

- uTech Systems 9:00 PM – 6:00 AM / 21:00 - 6:00, Friday evening - Saturday morning
- Mainframe – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM / 19:00 - 21:00, Sunday evening

Events

- Sep 10th, Wed. - uTAG Meeting
- Oct 8th, Wed. - uTAG Meeting
- Nov 2nd, Sun. - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov 12th, Wed. - uTAG Meeting

Prior Meeting: February 19, 2025

Meeting started at

Agenda

1. uTAG Coordinator (John Shiraki)
 - Welcome
2. CIO update (Jeremy Merritt)
 - Brief on upcoming MFA implementation (wiu.edu/mfa)
3. IT Governance (ITG) update ()
 - No update
4. ERP implementation – (Stacie Hunt)
 - Regent Education - we continue to work on configuration of AY 25/26 and hope to have Financial Aid Award letters out to new students soon.
 - Slate CRM
 - We went live with the Student Success module for currently enrolled students in March. The Student Success and Advising departments will be using the system to track students and communicate with them.
 - We have moved our Go-Live date for Undergraduate, International and BGS admission applications back to May 1, 2025 as we are still testing application changes.
 - Ellucian
 - We continue to actively work on the Fixed Assets module for Financials and hope to go live early summer. We are ramping up our engagements for Human Resources/Payroll. We plan to run our first payroll through Colleague for 2026 in December, 2025. We are also working on entering course information into Colleague for the SIS and are defining Degree Audit rules.
 - Specialty teams: Data Migration, Data Integration, Insights Reporting, Experience Portal.
5. University Technology updates
 - Network and Data Center (Dan Romano)
 - No update
 - QC Technology (Jeff Calhoun)
 - No notable updates.
 - User Support Services (Robert Emmert)
 - Windows 11 Upgrades
 - Business Applications (Robert Emmert)
 - No Update
 - Online Teaching and Learning (Dawn Sweet)
 - OTL continues to meet with CIT's Online Teaching Subcouncil
 - A report of recommendations is being drafted by the Subcouncil and CIT.

- D2L intends to announce a move to their “New Content Experience” becoming the only content experience in the near future. While we have not been given an announcement date, we believe it will likely be in the July timeframe coinciding with their Fusion conference. Once the announcement is made it appears that WIU will have 18 months to move from our existing classic experience to the new content experience. Given the timeframe we are planning to be moved to the New Content Experience and use it as our only experience by the beginning of Fall 2026.
 - OTL is working on a new Universal Course Navigation and Interface Shell (UCNI) that will work in both environments. We will work with system administrators of Western Online to set up development and training spaces for faculty over the Summer and begin training faculty on the New Content Experience and UCNI shell beginning FL2026. This gives faculty 12 months to prepare.
 - Due to the elevated level of services needed to move to the new experience and prepare training, **BPTO will not be offered in SU 2025, but will resume in FL 2025.**
 - **General webinars** will only be offered in the first month of the semester (August and January) and the last month of the semester (November and April) for the FL2025 SP2026 semesters. The month webinars will resume as soon as we are all on our way to meeting our transition deadlines. Transitional training on the new system and getting people ready for that will take the place of the general webinars through the remainder of the FL25-SP26 semesters.
- Administrative Information Management Systems (Stacie Hunt)
 - No Update
- Web Services (Jeremy Merritt)
 - No notable updates
- CAIT (Paul Sweet)
 - No new or notable updates.
- Information Security (Dan Romano)
 - No Update
- Digital Spaces (Ian Szechowycz)
 - No Update

Open discussion or new business

- Incident/outage dashboard (including option to receive notices via email):
<https://www.wiu.edu/status>
- Other new business
 - WIU Organizational Chart - <https://www.wiu.edu/president/pdfs/orgchart.pdf>
(Athena Brooks)

Next meeting

- September 10, 2025, 3:00 PM / 15:00

Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm / 15:25