

University Technology Advisory Group (uTAG) Meeting AgendaWednesday, October 14, 2026 • 3:00 PM CDT

Attendance

Akera Griffith
Alisha Looney
Amy Hodges
Anna Valeva
Athena Brooks
Benjamin Beach
Bobbi Smith
Cassandra Standberry
Chad Sperry
Christie Davis
Dan Atherton
Dan Romano
Dana VanBebber
Dawn Sweet
Deb Allwardt
Dennis DeVolder
Feridun Tasdan
Harrison Dehnert
Ian Szechowycz
Il-Seop Shin
James McQuillan
Jason Kubis
Jeffrey Calhoun
Jeremy Merritt
Joe Roselieb
John Determan
John Murphy
John Shiraki
Josh Wroblewski

Justin Griffith
Katrina Daytner
Katy Valentin
Keith Boeckelman
Ketra Roselieb
Kyle Mayborn
Linda Prosise
Lorette Oden
Lori Baker-Sperry
Matt McConnell
Nicholas Katz
Nicholas Miguel
Pam Peters
Patty Mason
Paul Sweet
Peter Jorgensen
Peter McMeekan
Rebel Mickelson
Robert Emmert
Samantha Klingler
Sonya Hicks
Stacie Hunt
Tara Feld
Tawnya Adkins Covert
Tim Hallinan
Walt McGath
Will Thomas
Yeongkwun Kim

Technology Scheduled Maintenance

- [STARS](#) and [WIUP](#) 12:00 AM – 3:00 AM every night / 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM some Sundays
- uTech Systems 9:00 PM – 6:00 AM, Friday evening - Saturday morning
- Mainframe – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Sunday evening

Prior Meeting: September 9, 2026

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1. uTAG Coordinator (John Shiraki)
 - Welcome
 - Reminder about the University Technology Status Dashboard - <https://www.wiu.edu/status>
2. Director of University Technology update (Robert Emmert)
 - Employee phishing training restarts in November
 - All employees will receive one random simulated phishing email every month.
 - Clicking on phishing email links or replying to phishing emails will assign you a short phishing training. These training sessions will be optional unless you interact with more than one phishing email.
 - You can “test out” of certain required training by reporting simulated phishing emails when you see them. Click the orange fish hook icon in Gmail on any phishing emails you receive.
 - Phishing attempts are becoming increasingly sophisticated. It is often just a matter of time before a clever message catches any of us off guard.
3. IT Governance (ITG) update ()
 - No updates
4. ERP implementation – (Stacie Hunt)
 - Implementation Timeline
 - October 2026: Admission Applications in Colleague
 - November 2026: ISIRS in Colleague
 - December 2026: Student and Employee access to Colleague Self Service
 - January 2027: Payroll Go-Live
 - January 2027: Emburse Travel & Expense Management Go-Live
 - February 2027: Financial Aid awarding in Colleague
 - April 2027: Fall 2027 Registration in Colleague
 - July 2027: Student Billing in Colleague
 - Reporting
 - Mainframe Greenbar and Emailed PDF reports will be turned off
 - Pentaho will be turned off
 - We will be writing new reports using Ellucian’s Reporting & Analytics tool
5. University Technology updates
 - Network and Data Center and Information Security (Dan Romano)
 - No updates
 - QC Technology (Jeff Calhoun)

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- No significant updates
- User Support Services (Robert Emmert)
 - No additional updates
- Business Applications (Robert Emmert)
 - No additional updates
- Online Teaching and Learning (Dawn Sweet)
 - **OTL Announcements**
 - OTL Training options and Announcements are now distributed through employee announcements since the announcements system changed. They are typically at the bottom of the announcement. We have had very few registrations since that change, so it could be that you are not seeing them. We are also trying to post them on Western Online now. We typically send new offerings out every two weeks. Feel free to reach out if you are not seeing them or need assistance registering.
 - **Western Online**
 - **New Groups Experience** - November 1, 2026 Instructors will have the option to “opt in” to a New Groups Experience in Western Online. This updated experience provides a better interface for managing student groups. These features will become the only available experience in February 2027.
 - **D2L Brightspace Announces Intent to begin End of Life Processes for Classic Content.** As of **June 2029** Brightspace will only offer the New Content Experience (NCE). For those wanting to learn more, you may already have a development area set up under the UCNI tab in Western Online. If not you can [request a UCNI template](#) so that you have the ability to begin exploring the New Content Experience. OTL already has some training materials and a [New Content Experience tip sheet](#) available. More information will be provided soon. Watch for updates.
- Administrative Information Management Systems (Stacie Hunt)
 - No additional updates
- Web Services (Jeremy Merritt)
 - No significant updates
- CAIT (Paul Sweet)
 - No New Updates
- Digital Spaces (Ian Szechowycz)
 - No additional updates

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Open discussion or new business

- WIU Wiki Page
 - <https://wiki.wiu.edu/>
- Western Online
 - Course calendar placement on course web pages

Next meeting

- November 11, 2026 - 3:00 PM CST

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm CDT