

Fred Piazza-IT

Unfortunately, I will not be available. As mentioned, I have a recurring LSU System meeting from 10:30 – noon that I must attend. In lieu of me attending the Faculty Council meeting, here are my thoughts on the topics you listed. Let me know if you need further detail on any of them:

1. **Update on CMS Development** – In January we will kick-off an initiative to upgrade our existing CMS to the newest version. This upgrade is not a simple task and will likely take up to a year to complete. Once done, we expect some stability issues to be corrected, as well as an easier user interface for employees to use to post and maintain web content.
2. **AgCenter transition to a TEAMS phone system** – We are continuing to work with BR Campus on this. Over the course of the upcoming year, we will be migrating campus-based units to the new system. Each unit will be notified in advance of the migration. Training will be offered as needed.
3. **Intranet utility for internal customers** – This is still on the wish list, but there is no timeline for completion.
4. **Security** – We are continuing to draft policies and procedures to bring us in compliance with LSU PM-36.
5. **Purchasing** – We are developing a list of common IT-related items that will be pre-approved for purchase without additional IT approval. These items will include things such as keyboards, mice, monitors, removable storage devices, cables, webcams, microphones, etc. We hope to have this list online before the end of the year.

Thanks,

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