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CTO Updates



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AITC Educational Technologies Committee: Last fall mathematics professor Christine Browning became the chair of the Faculty Senate Academic Information and Technology Council's Educational Technology Committee. Among other things, this committee is charged with researching and recommending current and emerging instructional technologies for adoption at Western Michigan University. If this sounds like something that may be of interest to you, then I would encourage you to [reach out to Dr. Browning](#).

New Director of Research Support: Please join me in welcoming Joel Fletcher as the Office of Information Technology's newest Director of Research Support. Joel replaces Matt Tomczak and brings with him in-depth knowledge of WMU's research community and service offerings, passion for learning and applying cutting and bleeding edge technologies, and the ability to work independently as a programmer, system administrator, dba, software admin or technical consultant. Joel also has the ability to write the technical portions of grant proposals, help evaluate vendors and vendor contracts and work closely with the Office of the Vice President of Research. Joel, a 35 year IT veteran at WMU, has genuine enthusiasm for the research mission at Western Michigan University. He will be transitioning from his current position as IT Director of Communication and Collaboration to take on this new challenge as OIT's Director of Research Support.

Eduroam: Have you heard about eduroam? It is a wireless networking service that allows people from participating non-WMU institutions to login to the WMU eduroam wireless network using login credentials from their home institution. Conversely, WMU students, faculty and staff who travel to educational institutions around the globe can login using their WMU Bronco NetID and password by using eduroam wireless networks found at other participating institutions. [Learn more.](#)

Wired versus wireless: Are you tired of messing around with adapters, VGA and HDMI cables when connecting your devices to the technology in your conference rooms? Would you like to find out about wireless options? If yes, I encourage you to touch base with the Office of Information Technology's [conference room support team](#) to discuss options such as Airmedia. You can also stop by the University Computing Center and ask [Tom Wolf](#) or [Arnold Taylor](#) for a quick demonstration.

Did you know? The Office of Information Technology offers web pages to help students, faculty and staff better understand personal security concepts like identity theft. These pages include information on avoiding identity theft and actions to take if victimized by an identity theft crime such as fraudulent tax filing. [Learn more.](#)