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Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 31st edition of "News from the CIO". In this edition:

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Off we go...

Tech Tips for Summer Travel

When traveling this summer you will want to make sure you are keeping your laptop and your data safe. The number one risk to your laptop while traveling is

you to the restaurant/bar/cafe. To keep your data safe, you'll want to think about encryption and secure wireless connections. Thinking about encryption ends up being easier than you might have expected as all laptops running the Wesleyan image are automatically encrypted! If you are using a personal laptop and have questions about encryption, please reach out to security@wesleyan.edu. For secure wireless connections you'll want to look for the “lock” icon when connecting (and if you're near an [eduroam wireless network](#) you'll automatically connect to that secure network). If you can't find a secure wireless network to connect to then you'll want to use the VPN. The VPN is configured so that all traffic, except for high-bandwidth streaming sites like YouTube and Netflix, is sent through our encrypted VPN tunnel which protects your traffic even when you are on an unencrypted wireless network.

Important Reminders for Shared Google Drives

Please remember, on June 30, 2023, Google Shared Drives will be removed for most faculty and staff. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis only in consultation with ITS.

Microsoft One Drive, Microsoft SharePoint, and Google My Drive are all viable options to replace Google Shared Drives. Note that Google My Drive is subject to a 300GB quota. Please refer to [Google Drive Storage Overview](#) for an explanation of the differences between Google Shared Drives and My Drive.

Additionally, the following articles may help you to move data:

1. [Moving a File/Folder from a Google Shared Drive to My Drive](#)
2. [Migrate a Google Shared Drive to an Individual My Drive](#)

deleted.

If you would like to request an exception, please reach out to Karen Warren or Rachel Schnepfer (if you have not already done so). If you would like to discuss your storage options, please submit a ticket and we would be happy to work with you on determining the best solution for your needs.

Zoom Rooms to be Expanded, including in PAC

This past semester, we piloted Zoom Rooms in two spaces on campus, Boger 112 and Exley 109. With Zoom Rooms, holding Zoom meetings that live-stream to remote participants or having remote participants join is as easy as the touch of a button. Users will not have to connect cameras or microphones—they are all integrated into the Zoom Room set-up. Additionally, Zoom Room meetings can be scheduled in advance for an entire semester or just one class through Moodle. Feedback was exceptionally positive, with faculty saying they “love it,” describing it as “MUCH EASIER” to use from the current set-up, and that they are “very impressed with the easy connection to Moodle. My students can easily figure it out and it magically appears for them.”

We plan to extend Zoom Rooms to five additional classrooms this summer. The complete list is:

- Exley 150
- Exley 58
- Shanklin 107
- Judd 116

In the fall, as we prepare the new PAC for opening, Zoom Rooms will be installed in all medium and large classrooms. In Spring 2024, we hope to enable ten additional Zoom Rooms. Stay tuned for notices for trainings at the end of the summer!

Easy Poster and Flyer Creation with Adobe Express

Do you desire to create posters, flyers, and more?

Wesleyan Faculty and Staff have access to the Adobe CC Suite including Adobe Express Premium.

Adobe Express offers tools that help you easily make and share unique and beautiful content, including social media posts and stories, and marketing materials like logos, flyers, posters, banners and more in minutes without complexity! Adobe Express makes it possible for anyone to quickly and easily make standout content that allows them to express their ideas.

Learn [how to install Adobe CC applications on your computer](#) and [learn Adobe Express basics and refine your Adobe Express skills](#).

Core Network Refresh sets Wes up for next 10 years

Like all technology, networks need to be refreshed. Fortunately, they have a longer time horizon than a laptop. Whether you use a wired connection to your computer or not, the central network layers, called the core and distribution layer, pass all data traffic. This includes wireless, internal, and internet

execute a major upgrade.

For the past year, Wesleyan's network team – Brian Gibeault, Yves Corbiere, and Michael Hainer – have been working with our vendor partners to design this new network. Networking technology continues to evolve, and the team focused on finding a solution appropriate to the size and scale of Wesleyan while still being cost effective. The upgraded network will be capable of handling up to 100GB as usage increases. Focus has been on scalability so that as academic and research demands grow, the network has the ability to meet the increasing need. The team accounted for the requirements for new PAC and new Science building as well as improving current connections throughout. Redundancy, resiliency, and security were also at the forefront of the design process. Brian recently presented our plans at Connecticut Education Network's annual conference to network professionals from across the state.

The system will go into production in June/July. Downtimes will be as few as possible and occur late at night. We will announce them to the community.

Those interested in more details should contact Brian (bgibeault) or Yves (gcorbiere). They love to talk to talk about what they do.

Finally, as a reward for reading this far, here is your Random Seasonal Lyric, the chorus to "[June Hymn](#)", written by Colin Meloy of The Decemberists:

*But once upon it
The yellow bonnets*

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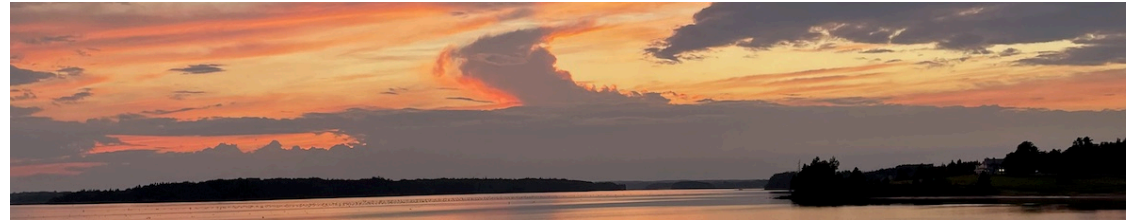
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*Day was breaking
A panoply of song
And summer comes to Springville Hill*

Until next time, please be in touch if you want more information on any of the above, or if you have suggestions for future topics, and thanks for reading!

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