

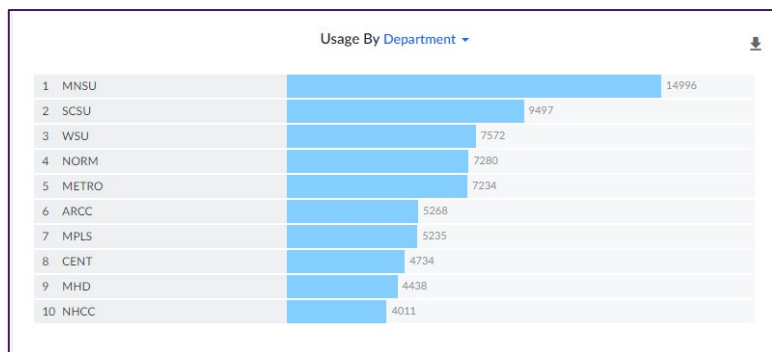
# ITS eWARRIOR NEWS

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## WSU ITS CONTINUES TO ASSIST LIVE, ONLINE ACCESS IN CAMPUS CULTURE



Live online access through tools like Zoom to in-person classes, meetings, and events, as well as Zoom-only interactions, have become a familiar and expected practice as the WSU Community has moved fully into the academic year. It's safe to say that this channel of engagement is here to stay and ITS staff are doing their part to support the campus community.

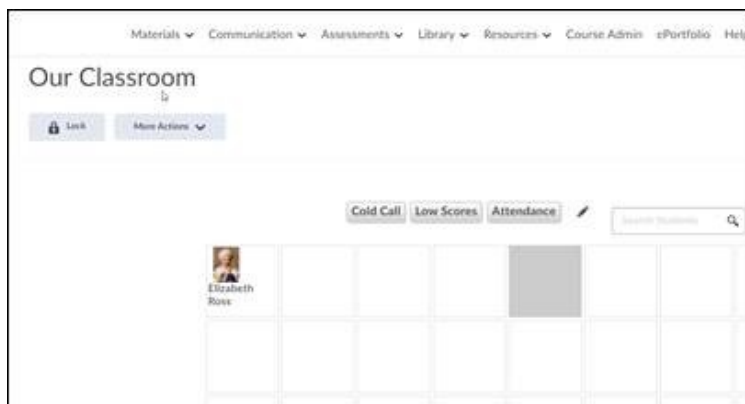
Since returning to in-person instruction this fall, we have seen a significant drop in the number of Zoom sessions per week compared to last fall, but our usage remains high, with 7572 Zoom meetings conducted since August 23rd. Our ability to support remote access to engaging in-person activities is made possible through ITS' flexible approach that includes (1) room-based systems, (2) mobile cart-based systems, and (3) laptop-based systems via our eWarrior Digital Life and Learning Program, allowing virtual access to every space on all campuses. Whether they happen in a tent, the football field, an auditorium, a conference room, or the Kryzsko ballroom, WSU ITS works hard every day to help open online access to the events and experiences that define WSU.

### ITS MISSION

Information Technology Services (ITS) provides the technology-based foundation to support and empower the Winona State University (WSU) community to meet and exceed their educational and business needs.

## WSU ITS HELPS INTRODUCE D2L BRIGHTSPACE SEATING CHARTS

WSU ITS finalized efforts necessary to introduce seating charts to D2L Brightspace. The Teaching, Learning & Technology department finished adding seating chart templates for all campus learning spaces that could be represented using the 20x20 grid in the new Brightspace Seating Chart Tool. Instructors teaching in these rooms can now select a template as the basis for a seating chart, dragging and dropping their students' names and profile pictures from their Brightspace Classlist to the grid. Instructors can also use the Seating Chart to call on students and take attendance if desired. This is one of several options presented to faculty for creating seating charts.



## “Tech Quote”

“The new electronic independence re-creates the world in the image of a global village.”

— Marshall McLuhan, Canadian philosopher

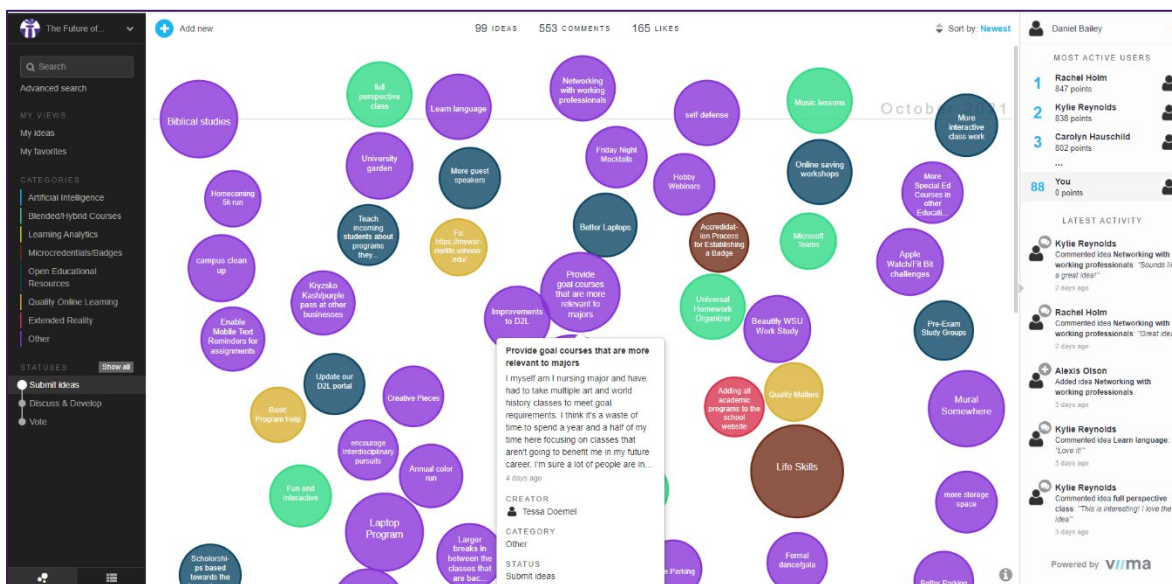
## ITS VISION

Information Technology Services (ITS) endeavors to position the University as a national leader in the innovative and effective use of technology to support the academic enterprise.

## ITS SUPPORTS FUTURE OF LEARNING WEEK

ITS helped the University Theme Committee kick off this year’s theme and celebrate **Future of Learning Week**. A WordPress site was developed that the team can use throughout the year to promote theme-related learning, sharing, and activities at <https://educate.winona.edu/futureoflearning/>.

Using the [2021 EDUCAUSE Horizon Report: Teaching and Learning Edition](#) as a springboard, a brief online survey was distributed to (1) a random sample of 100 probationary/tenured faculty, (2) a representative random sample of 400 students, 100 Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, and (3) the entire Council of Administrators. The survey focused on the importance of the six technologies and practices identified in the Horizon Report for WSU: artificial intelligence, blended and hybrid course models, learning analytics, microcredentialing, open educational resources, and quality online learning. The plan is to compare perceptions across all three samples in terms of alignment.



Using an idea management platform called [Viima](#), an online idea challenge activity was created and shared with all students and employees to participate by generating ideas related to the future of teaching, learning, and technology at WSU. Members of the WSU community of learners generated 94 ideas and shared 523 comments. View and interact with the idea board at <https://app.viima.com/winona-state-university/the-future-of-teaching-learning-and-technology>, take a look at the ideas, and share your own thoughts...and like your favorite ideas.

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