UPCOMING CHANGES TO COMMONS WEBSITES BEGINNING JUNE 18

The Commons will be moving to a new hosting service beginning Wednesday, July 18. The Office of Integrated Technologies has sent out information regarding these changes.

- Over the past two months, all owners/creators of Commons websites were asked to fill out a brief survey, which determined whether to keep each site or delete it. These surveys closed on June 10. Of the 1,131 surveys sent out, 40 percent (428) were completed. For a full list of sites being included in the migration, visit the Commons Project Site at https://commons.esc.edu/projectsite4commonsmove/2014/06/11/sites-to-keep-important/.

  Note: If a site is not included on this list and its owner wants it moved, a ticket must be submitted to the helpdesk at http://techinfo.esc.edu with name and site address.

- After considerable research, OIT learned that many of the themes that have been in use are not secure, and may have caused several Web attacks on the Commons. As a result, users are being asked to select from a list of new and some older themes known to be more secure after migrating. If a site is using a theme that will not be used after the migration, it will be reset to the default theme.

To learn more about how the website themes will be affected and how to change it, visit the Commons Project Site at https://commons.esc.edu/projectsite4commonsmove/2014/06/13/updating-your-theme-for-the-migration/.

Other Changes

New Homepage Theme: After the migration, the Commons homesite (http://commons.esc.edu) will be getting a makeover, as information and navigation are simplified. For more information on the new homepage theme, visit the Commons Project Site at https://commons.esc.edu/projectsite4commonsmove/2014/06/13/the-new-homepage/.

Commons Learning Center – After the migration, a new Commons Learning Center will be opened on the college website, which provides FAQs, how-to guides, and further information about how to use the Commons successfully. It will be linked to from the Commons homepage and the URL will be provided through the helpdesk at http://techinfo.esc.edu, as well as the OIT office page (http://www.esc.edu/oit).

Important Dates

June 18, 8 a.m. – The Commons will be set to “read only.” Users will still have access to their Commons sites, but will not be able to add or edit anything.

June 20, at 3 p.m. – The Commons will be reopened from the new hosting server. The address will be the same (https://commons.esc.edu)