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## WEBSITE REDESIGN UNDERWAY

### *A Fresh Look is Coming to the Website*

The university is partnering with Modern Campus, the provider of Omni CMS, to redesign its website with the goal of enhancing user experience, simplifying content, and modernizing its digital presence. Marketing and Information Technology Services (ITS) are working together to implement new design templates, with a launch planned for October. Once the templates are in place, teams will migrate existing content and consult with site and page owners to review and approve the updates. As part of this redesign, the university will streamline its web presence by migrating only those pages with more than 10 views in the past year, reducing the total number of published pages by about 40%. This approach ensures the site remains current, relevant, and user-friendly, while legacy pages will still be accessible in Omni CMS for future use as needed.

## INTRODUCING: MICROSOFT BOOKINGS

Microsoft Bookings is an online appointment scheduling application that simplifies the process of setting up meetings and managing calendars. It allows departments, offices, and individual staff members to create customized booking pages where students and colleagues can easily schedule time based on availability. Bookings integrates seamlessly with Outlook calendars, ensuring that appointments are automatically synced and conflicts are avoided.

### Key Features and Benefits

- Custom Booking Pages: Make pages for appointments with your own details and staff hours.
- Automatic Reminders: Sends emails to confirm and remind people about meetings.
- Calendar Sync: Works with Outlook, so appointments show up in your calendar.
- Easy Sharing: Share booking links by email, via website or in Teams.

## MICROSOFT BOOKINGS cont.

### Use Cases on Campus

Microsoft Bookings is making scheduling easier for students and staff across campus, with departments using it for academic advising, office hours, tutoring sessions, and administrative appointments. The platform integrates with Microsoft 365, simplifying setup for all users.

- Streamlines appointments for advising, tutoring, and campus offices
- Allows faculty and staff to set specific availability for meetings and office hours
- Accessible to anyone with a campus Microsoft 365 account

## ATTEND THE RESEARCH COMPUTING SYMPOSIUM ON SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup> 8:30a-4:30p – UC300

The University of Memphis' Research Computing group is organizing a day-long symposium to promote advanced computing's role in research. The event aims to:

- Showcase how computing resources enable discovery and tackle complex challenges
- Encourage teamwork and new ideas across departments.
- Help new students learn about research tools they can use.
- Highlight faculty and student projects that use advanced computing.
- End with a Q&A and collect suggestions for improvement.