Announcement from Institutional Research

Transition to Modern Data Analytics Tools

Hypothetical Scenario

Imagine you have a **MacBook** you use for work, but this summer you will need to transition to a **Windows** operating system. Additionally, this summer **German** will become the official language of the college, requiring you to conduct all your work in a new language.

The Challenge

Would you be able to keep up with your existing workload while preparing for this transition?

Current Team Situation

- New data visualization tool
- New programming language

Rationale for Change

- Outdated data retrieving tool
- Growing data needs

How: Temporary Pause on Ad Hoc and New Requests

To facilitate this transition, we have decided to temporarily pause ad hoc requests until June 30.

Reasons for the Pause

- **Time Required for Skill Acquisition**: Learning new tools and languages takes time and dedication.
- **Reduction in Staff**: With Block grant ending soon, it is likely we will loose NANCE support.
- **Full plate:** We have enough projects in our queue to keep us busy through the beginning of the Fall.

Benefits of the Transition

- Data automation → faster access to new data
- New partnerships with research team to unlock actionable insights

Next Steps

- **Ad hoc projects on hold**: We will pause ad hoc projects during this transition period.
- **We are not clearing our plate:** We will continue to fulfill our existing commitments, which include 30 ongoing projects already in our Spring Research agenda.
- **Continued support of mandated reports.**
- **IE Request form remains open:** The service request will remain open to capture new request. They will be added to queue but will not be reviewed until July.

Thank you for your understanding

Questions?

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