IUC Collaborative Initiatives: 2026 Annual Progress Report

Collaborative Initiatives: Principles

Collaborative Governance

All 14 IUC members get a seat at the table, fostering meaningful cooperation across all member institutions.

Member-Driven Priorities

Ensuring member ideas are prioritized and thoroughly vetted by IUC Committees and the CI Work Group.

Institutional Respect

Honoring and adapting to each institution's unique requirements.

Accountability & Innovation

Driving progress through regular updates and actively encouraging fresh, new ideas.

Meet the IUC Collaborative Initiatives Work Group

David Seidl	VP for IT Services and CIO	Miami University
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Heather Krugman	Executive Director, OHIO Business Services Center	Ohio University
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Sara Harrison	Associate Vice President of Purchasing and Travel Services	University of Cincinnati
Jennifer Pastorek	Senior Director, Supply Chain Management	University of Toledo
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FY27 CI Work Plan

Primary Focus: Foundational IT Alignment

- Work Groups and Ongoing Discussion Topics
- IUC-PG Software/IT Strategy Committee

Continued Work Areas

- Consulting and Professional Services
- Regulatory Compliance → IUC Shared Services
- Cybersecurity

Continued Monitoring

- Health and Benefits
- Utilities Aggregation and Energy Management

IUC Cybersecurity Project Update

IUC Cybersecurity Project: Timeline

Spring 2025

Project Launch

- Formed CISO Subcommittee with approved charter
- Set up CISO list serv
- Established Cybersecurity Resource Library

Fall & Winter 2025

Platform & Survey

- Began Threat Sharing Platform pilot with Akron, Kent, OU, and UC
- Conducted Cybersecurity Technology Needs Survey

Spring 2026

Training & Metrics

- Collected information for cybersecurity training (professional and general)
- Developed common internal metric definitions

Summer2026

Expanding & Completing

- Resource Library fully operational
- Technology Needs Survey complete
- Metric definitions complete
- Training roadmap drafted and discussed

September 2026

Nearly Complete

- Threat Sharing Platform: UC and OU live, Kent and Akron preparing
- Training standard in development

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IUC Cybersecurity Project: CISO Contributors

Thank you to the CISOs across IUC member institutions who contributed to this project:

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- John Virden — Miami University
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- Keith Piepho — University of Akron
- Jonathan Rethorn — University of Toledo
- Ed Carter* — Ohio University
- Michael Natale — Wright State University
- Justin Bettura — Youngstown State University

IUC Cybersecurity Project: Complete

✅ Resource Library

- Operational with access/sharing guidelines complete.
- Procurement contract language and incident response plans have been added.
- Group will continue to populate with IR plans, procurements, and homegrown training/awareness materials.

✅ Technology Needs Survey

- Immediate needs addressed by the pilot and IUC-PG contract for Identity Management Services.
- Group moving from tactical to preventative through the pilot project.
- Recent discussions about potential for incident response (IR) services.

✅ Common Internal Metric Definitions

- The CISOs will carry this topic forward in their regular meetings.

IUC Cybersecurity Project: Concluding

Threat Sharing Platform Pilot (Akron, Kent, OU, UC)

- Initial design complete with schools preparing their instances.
- A draft document for what will be shared on the platform is being circulated.
- Group has met with REN-ISAC to discuss coordination opportunities.

Training (Cyber Professional & General Purpose)

- A training roadmap has been drafted and discussed.
- Group is comparing training policies to develop a proposed common standard.
- Continued coordination with RMIC.

Outreach: IUC at EDUCAUSE 2026

IUC will be featured at EDUCAUSE Annual Conference (Sept 29–Oct 2) in Denver across three sessions:

October 1 — "Acting Like a System Without Being One: How Ohio Is Tackling the Software Cost Crisis"

Speakers: Sara Harrison (U. of Cincinnati), Larry McWilliams (Kent State), Weam Helou PhD (Cleveland State), Josh Thomas (Ohio University), Jennifer March-Wackers (IUC Purchasing Group)

October 1 — "Collaborative Cybersecurity in a Voluntary Consortium: Ohio's IUC Cybersecurity Project"

Speakers: John Virden (Miami University), Katrina Biscay (U. of Cincinnati), Jennifer March-Wackers (IUC Purchasing Group)

October 2 — "Fast, Fair, and Future Ready: Procurement at the Breaking Point"

Panel of Higher Education Consortia Leaders on managing the pace of change in higher education procurement.

Speaker: Jennifer March-Wackers (IUC Purchasing Group)

New Ideas for Connection and Collaboration

Book Club Pilot for CHROs

"The Caring University" by Kevin R. McClure

Periodic Virtual Meetings

First topic: **Accessibility** — and we're taking more ideas!

Thank You!

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