

# Institutional purchasing issues affecting teaching and research

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# Recent issues affecting research and teaching

1. Loss of Scifinder access last week for unexplained reasons
2. Problems related to recent change in vendor for university and hospital compressed gases.
3. Lack of communication regarding institution-wide software such as Matlab, Blackboard, and Google Apps

These have impacted the day-to-day operation of both teaching and research. All seem to be self-inflicted problems in the main and much of the blame comes down to a lack of communication between management/administration and faculty and staff.

Introducing this as an informational item at the moment, but I and the executive committee would like to hear about other examples senators are aware of.