

IT Gov Minutes
February 4, 2026
Via Zoom

Attendees: Kirk Brown (non-voting), Brenton DeBoef, Gabriele Fariello, Melissa Frost, Brandon Fuller, Michael Greenfield, Amanda Izenstark, Shaun Kavanagh, Michael Khalfayan, Ian Lester, Dean Libutti (absent), Matt McDonald (absent), Sanjay Kumar Mupparapu, Lindsey Nottage, John Stringer, Shaun Wallace, Ying Zhang

Guests: Noah Daniels, Gaurav Khanna, Lidia Pierce (absent), Scotia Roopnarine

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes amended to reflect Google Drive instead of One Drive.
 - b. Motion to approve amended minutes.
 - c. All approved.

2. CIO Report
 - a. ITS Vacancies and Open Positions
 - i. We are not allowed to hire these, and it is a major concern; close to an operational emergency without these being filled.
 1. Noah: Is this due to a hiring freeze / FTE cap or because of a lack of funding? GF: It is the former. Because we have these funds we cannot use to hire, we are looking to reappropriate these funds to support AV technology in GAC and other technological debt.
 - b. Workday Project
 - i. Currently on schedule
 - ii. Working on a foundational data model for the next couple of months.
 1. This is the conceptual model that everything else is built upon.
 2. John S: This underlies the workflow that works within Workday and is an opportunity to rethink how we have done things for the past 40 years.
 - iii. Scotia briefly addressed the work of conversion of the data from PS to WD
 - c. Secure research computing and Hermathena Labs moving along although we are tight on human resources.
 - d. AI Technology Committee at State House
 - i. GF, Gaurav, and Indrani met with the subcommittee yesterday to give a few demos and talk about emerging AI technology, and what URI is doing and investing.
 - ii. The committee was very engaged and asked many questions, however not everything was asked and answered so they anticipate another visit in the future.
 1. Shaun: Brown has HPC units and when he worked there, they were looking to build partnerships, which may or not hold true now.

4. IT Policy
 - a. Hold until next the meeting as the draft is still pending from Risk and OGC and will then be shared with stakeholders for input before it goes to APC.

5. Open Floor
 - a. No questions asked.