**IT Gov Minutes**

February 5, 2025

Via Zoom

**Attendees:** Kirk Brown, Noah Daniels, Brenton DeBoef, Gabriele Fariello, Melissa Frost, Brandon Fuller, Steven D’Hondt, Michael Greenfield, Amanda Izenstark, Shaun Kavanagh, Michael Khalfayan, Ian Lester, Dean Libutti, Matt McDonald (absent) Sanjay Kumar Mupparapu, Linsdey Nottage, John Stringer

**Guest:** None.

1. Approval of Minutes
   1. January 2025.
   2. Noah moved to approve minutes; John seconded.
   3. All present voted to approve.
2. CIO Update
   1. SSO Update
      1. Hoped to move to SSO for all during spring break. Enrollment Services said if it cannot be done by March 6 it must be put on hold. The ITS Security team is not prepared for March 6 so it will need to be later.
         1. Mike K: We have technical debt that is holding us back (all the integrations).
   2. Course Merchant
      1. It’s moving forward and will allow us to offer certificates and other programs outside of regular enrollment.
   3. SAQAS (strategic advisory quality assurance services)
      1. Have found our partner as a trusted advisor in our ERP project. The RFP process is coming to an end for it once the offer and finances are ironed out. At that point the vendor name will be shared.
         1. Human Capital Management (HCM is HR) and Financial Services Management (FSM) will be implemented in Workday.
         2. Student Information Systems will be evaluated later this year.
3. Google and O365 Costs (Gabriele)
   1. Board of Trustees and leadership have asked why we pay for Google Workspace when we already have and operate in O365. Other peer institutions have made this change but not without upset. Eliminating it would save us approximately $500-600k annually. We will begin conversations engaging with the community for input. We need to perform a cost-benefit analysis.
      1. Amanda: The ability to collaborate with peers across the US will be difficult as we use Google to co-edit documents.
      2. Noah: Overleaf or GitHub is how he collaborates. Bigger issue is that most of us rely on ability to look at email from years ago – do we lose this if we lose Google?
      3. Brandon: Is this a move for mail only, or removing all Google products?
         1. GF: We don’t know right now. We are exploring and seeking more information and feedback.
      4. Ian: More frequently COP is finding that outside collaborators do not allow use of Google. However, there are places and collaborators where Google is the preferred product.
         1. GF: Google has compliance issues, and if we move to a medical school additional problems will be brought to light with privacy.
         2. Ian: a migration of documents to reduce our footprint, it would be helpful if URI provided tools to do this. It’s currently very involved pulling a user’s information from Google into One Drive.
      5. Michael G: Students infrequently use anything except Google docs to submit assignments.
4. Unified IT Policy
   1. We are still waiting for OGC to give us the last edits that were reasonable concerns. We may streamline the policy.
5. Project Status Updates
   1. No questions at this time.
6. Open Forum
   1. Please reach out to Gabriele and Melissa with any items you wish to cover on the next agenda.
   2. Upcoming Meeting
      1. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 11:00 AM via Zoom.