

IT Gov Minutes

March 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 (absent), Dean Libutti (absent), Matt McDonald (absent), Sanjay Kumar Mupparapu, Linsley Nottage, John Stringer, Shaun Wallace (absent), Ying Zhang

Guests: Noah Daniels, Gaurav Khanna, Lidia Pierce, Scotia Roopnarine

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes.
 - b. All approved.
2. CIO Report
 - a. Skipped to ensure enough time for IT Strategic Plan and IT Policy conversations.
3. IT Strategic Plan and Accompanying Documents
 - a. GF met with President, Provost, and VP for Admin & Finance and shared final version of the IT SP and accompanying documents. The provost noted that it cannot be called a strategic plan and prefers it to be called an action plan. Do members here agree with this or have alternate suggestions?
 - i. Noah: The FacSen president and vice president need to respond to this.
 1. GF: Please do not phrase that FacSen is asking on behalf of ITS as ITS will follow what university executive leadership wishes.
 - a. Brenton: Colleges created Action Plans that were supposed to align with Focus URI.
 - b. Sanjay: Suggested calling it Strategic Vision.
 - ii. Michael G: Perhaps this is a misunderstanding based on the layout of the document which makes it look like it is a university strategic plan rather than an ITS plan.
 1. GF: ITS will make the suggested adjustment and revisit this with leadership to ask for clarification.
 - iii. Gaurav: Was there feedback on any of the content?
 1. GF: No, they had not reviewed it yet.
 - b. Kudos to Kyera Shea for her work on the materials in support of the strategic plan, especially the roadmap and the KPI document.
 - c. Questions:
 - i. Ying: Why are priorities 4 & 5 presented before 1-3 in the folded document? Is it a different layout?
 1. GF: It is meant to be a folder over document.
 - ii. Lindsey: The ITS core values may be challenged more than calling it strategic as the university core values trumps all others listed as foundational values in the university materials.

- iii. Noah: Strategic versus tactical plans are broader than ITS. Are you okay if he brings this up to FacSen floor?
 - 1. GF: You can bring whatever you want to FacSen. However, let's coordinate separately from this meeting. GF will talk with leadership directly not having FacSen speak on his behalf.
- iv. Michael G: Is the intent by the end of the period shown on the road map Renewal column that all software needs will be complete and nothing further is needed?
 - 1. GF: This is not intended. Please send him any follow-up on how to word it better.

4. IT Policy

- a. Chris Barker shared it with APC stakeholders.
- b. GF is not clear on the last edits however redundancies were addressed as well as with points that simply do not belong there. It is not perfect, but it is good enough to publish as it is so as not to delay its release another year.
 - i. Noah: Likes it as it is and would like to move forward.
- c. GF encourages everyone to review and share comments before it goes to APC and ahead of the two-week public comment period. March 11 is the deadline for stakeholders' feedback.
- d. Lindsey: There is a feedback period so reaching out to Chris Barker and reminding him about putting this in front of student senate as well as messaging to students during the comment period.
- e. Noah: He will recruit a student to review the policy and provide feedback.

5. Project Status Updates

- a. Michael G: I have only heard about telecom's move to the cloud. Should he hear about this any other way from my college?
 - i. GF: No, only if your college or you as an individual is being impacted.

6. Open Floor

- a. Move from Duo to Microsoft Authenticator.
 - i. Noah: Will this work on my Apple watch? If not, it is very inconvenient.
 - ii. Michael G: Are we removing the multi from the MFA?
 - iii. Amanda: What about those who use YubiKeys or similar for authentication? I prefer to use a YubiKey (especially in classrooms where instructors have asked students not to have their phones out), and IT issued some to other users at the University who preferred not to use (or do not use) a smartphone.
- b. No other questions asked.