**IT Gov Minutes**

March 5, 2025

Via Zoom

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

**Guest:** None.

1. Approval of Minutes
   1. February 2025.
   2. Noah moved to approve minutes; Amanda seconded.
   3. All present voted to approve.
2. CIO Update
   1. SSO eCampus (Mike K)
      1. Testing is going well (enrollment Services done, Payroll today)
      2. Possible stoppers have to do with Parchment for transcripts, and parents viewing student grades.
         1. Considering moving Parchment to outside our purview and sending people directly to the Parchment store front.
         2. Mike G: Older transcripts that are manually requested for older situation? Working with Jack Humphry to determine the best solution.
         3. Brenton: Are there any issues with the Parchment integration that would impact our ability to receive transcripts from other universities via Parchment? No, we don’t think so.
      3. Job information tile issue in HR and will work with Pathlock to resolve.
      4. May 19, 2025 is still the go-live date.
   2. Course Merchant is live and does not require nonmatriculated students to go through the Bursars Office for certificates and nonmatriculated programs.
   3. SAQAS Workday SOW
      1. With outside counsel and hope to wrap it by Friday.
      2. Anticipate the consultants start date for March 17 to begin work on Workday project using Launch methodology.
      3. Will soon start conversation to evaluate the student information system in Workday. Best case scenario is starting the project in three years after a lot of conversation and evaluation.
         1. We may also begin to consider looking at a new LMS in the near future – keep in mind, this is not an endorsement from IT for this change as the drive usually comes from the Provost’s Office with a working group consisting of deans and faculty.
         2. Amanda shared a link to a subreddit of faculty opinions in Brightspace. <https://www.reddit.com/r/Professors>
         3. Noah suggested he could talk with the CTI committee, and he could speak with Provost to begin a conversation.
         4. Ian: this is a major transition to undertake while we are doing Workday and may be best slowed down while we move to Workday, with a clear message to faculty to they do not feel ignored.
   4. Center for Institutional Research
      1. Was first approved as CIR but was announced as a “center” and has remained that since. We are redefining centers versus institutes at URI so it is dragging the process out for what should have been a simple adjustment.
3. Unified IT Policy Update (Noah Daniels)
   1. It is still with General Counsel and have shared with outside counsel to make minor but important edits.
   2. Much of the document is quite solid with a few pointed questions for OGC and then email policy and sub-domain policy that still need to be written.
   3. Significant change in consolidation of classes (student, staff, faculty current) to those with elevated privileges in systems (a small subset of staff) and then everyone else.
      1. Exigent circumstances (example: system compromised and impacting other systems) and if OGC needs to do discovery or other legal necessity.
   4. Mike G: there was a policy open for comment though yesterday regarding foreign country concerns and monitoring their devices and/or communications.
      1. Link to the policy: <https://web.uri.edu/policies/find/?_sft_category=research-economic-development>
      2. OCG has stated we need some sort of monitoring.
      3. Mike K: instituted when Peter Snyder was in charge, and it was to protect the university.
      4. GF: we will give an update on this policy before it goes to APC.
      5. Noah: this policy does not need to be part of the Unified IT Policy.
      6. Brenton: students do not get this information from the Grad School when they apply – how do they learn about it? He will reach out to Kristin Johnson in international office to get more clarity and will share this information with Mike K.
      7. Ian: if this policy is in effect, we need to check their computers and provide alternative computers while they are being checked.
      8. Brenton: do we have a method for enforceability? It is far from perfect the way we currently have it.
   5. Noah and Gabriele will meet ahead of our next meeting to determine the sections IT Gov should review and then we will discuss at the March meeting.
      1. Link to policy: <https://uri0-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/gfariello_uri_edu/Documents/Documents/2024/APC/Policy%20on%20Information%20Technology%20Data,%20Systems,%20and%20Services.docx?d=wa007b0bd7e024d97b75efe21d3f66479&csf=1&web=1&e=OMs1AD>
      2. Took the four original policies and combined it into one and we’re still working on it. You will see this noted in the document.
4. Project Status Updates
   1. No questions at this time.
5. 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, April 2, 2025, at 11:00 AM via Zoom.