**IT Gov Minutes**

April 3, 2024

Via Zoom

**Attendees:** Noah Daniels, Brenton DeBoef, Gabriele Fariello, Melissa Frost, Brandon Fuller, Marta Gomez-Chiarri, Michael Greenfield, Amanda Izenstark, Shaun Kavanagh, Michael Khalfayan, Ian Lester, Dean Libutti (absent), Matt McDonald, Sanjay Kumar Mupparapu, Dennis Sagamang, John Stringer (absent)

**Guest:** none

1. Approval of Minutes
   1. March 2024
   2. Gabriele moved to approve minutes as presented.
   3. All present voted to approve.
2. Project Status Updates
   1. No questions at this time.
3. CIO Updates
   1. Incident Reviews
      1. Zoom Issues (March 16-19)
         1. We do not have a full review yet but believe it is related to routers and possible updates from CISCO and Zoom. Hoping for full resolution within the month.
      2. eCampus Issue
         1. Cyber security investigation from third party has been wrapped up but do not yet have the written report yet. There was no evidence of further penetration or sensitive information was accessed. Our drastic measures taken helped to lessen the impact.
         2. We were able to get cyber insurance at 25% less than last year.
   2. Hiring
      1. Manager, IT Communications hired.
      2. Manager, IT Training hired.
      3. Manager, IT Organization Change Management tendering offer.
      4. Computational Scientist hired.
4. Update on IT Policies and Standards
   1. There are four main policies plus contracts policy.
      1. Looking for volunteers to be part of work groups to review the policies. Will include ITS staff, CTI members, FacSen, and IT Gov.
      2. First step is establishing wording that extricates what part of the policy needs to go to review.
   2. Working with FacSen Executive Committee on contracts policy language. Creating easy to understand flow chart for better understanding of process.
   3. Noah: what was the state of affairs prior to this policy?
      1. Mike K: because of the new purchasing process, new legal counsel review process, and new contracts review process changes were made.
      2. GF: Purchasing does not always know what needs to be evaluated by IT so this will address most of these concerns.
   4. Noah: how does this apply to machines on the research network with writing software or open-source software, not sending data to the cloud?
      1. GF: It’s not reasonable for us as an organization to police those., but needs to be studied more, and used at your own risk.
      2. Mike K: we do not want to slow down the process of research however, some are weaponized, and the end user needs to be very careful.
   5. Marta: perhaps we have a Brightspace course that ITS creates regarding IT purchasing policy on research needs. With regard to decision tree, perhaps a list of preapproved vendors that ITS security already evaluated so we can shorten the process by purchasing from the list. Some companies are more reliable than others.
      1. GF: we do have this list it’s just not easy to find. We will need to change that. It’s on a Google Sheet in a Google Drive currently.
   6. Noah: what will the process be for review of IT security policies? Is it acceptable that Amanda and I, representing CTI, are sufficient faculty to represent for all faculty?
      1. GF: Yes, we need to keep the work group small and nimble to move things ahead to meet a looming deadline.
5. Review of IT Strategic Plan
   1. GF: would like to take sections of the URI SP to reevaluate what is there, prioritize them, and determine best approach to review the SP. This would be done outside of IT Gov meetings.
      1. Michael G: John Stringer led a conversation on how to prioritize a SP.
   2. GF will send the IT SP document to members for discussion at our next meeting.
6. Open Forum
   1. Dennis: has an announcement gone out proactively to remind people to log into eCampus ahead of grades, summer session, etc.?
      1. GF: targeted communications are planned to go out to those impacted because they hadn’t signed in to eCampus yet.
   2. GF: ChatGPT at URI conversation with ASU to get more information about an enterprise licensing.
   3. Upcoming Meeting
      1. Next meeting is WED 05/01/2024 at 9 AM via Zoom.