**IT Gov Minutes**

April 5, 2023

Via Zoom

**Attendees:** Brenton DeBoef, Melissa Frost, Brandon Fuller (absent), Marta Gomez-Chiarri, Michael Greenfield, Joshua Gyllinsky (absent), Amanda Izenstark, Shaun Kavanagh, Karlis Kaugars, Michael Khalfayan (absent), Kara Larsen, Ian Lester, Dean Libutti (absent), Matt McDonald, Ryan Menard (absent), Sanjay Kumar Mupparapu, John Stringer, Kathleen Torrens (absent), Ted Walls

**Guest:** Jeff Ulrickson

1. Approval of Minutes
   1. March 2023
   2. Karlis moved to approve minutes as presented.
   3. All present voted to approve.
2. Presentation: Enterprise GIS @ URI (Jeff Ulrickson)
   1. Jeff manages all records related to space on campus.
   2. GIS will help Facilities meet goal 4 in strategic plan.
   3. Overview
      1. First and foremost, get physical structure of campus into system.
      2. It’s location intelligence.
      3. ESRI Education Program Agreement since 1985 for education and administrative purposes.
      4. Supports data collection and mobile workforce tools.
      5. Offers ArcGIS Solutions with templates that are ready to use.
      6. Integrates with many different software systems that we already use.
   4. Goal?
      1. Digital Twin (digital campus model) for 3-D campus, scenario modeling, system documentations, etc.
   5. How?
      1. Develops GIS business plan (Geospatial Strategy) with people, processes, technology needs.
      2. Well-thought plan on how to implement and grow GIS.
   6. Already piloted test projects and have seen quick wins from them.
   7. Ongoing GIS efforts continue and include a new employee to support GIS.
   8. GIS in higher ed campus operations website has full resources for use.
   9. Presentation will be put in the Teams folder after our meeting.
   10. Questions:
       1. Kara: will this replace Insight? Yes, once we get CAD data of indoors and can convert it. Timeline is approximately 1 year. And will save a lot of money. Great tools for accessibility issues.
       2. Amanda: Library hoped to have floor plans online but were told it was a security issues. Has this changed? It’s an ongoing discussion with administrators and security and determining the level of detail available.
       3. Ted: in communications to the community, how will you address concerns of privacy at any stage? We haven’t gotten that far yet in sharing data that isn’t already publicly available. It is all opt in, no forced joining. Looking to use data to see where we can do better, not to track people and privacy. We are continuing to figure it out and address it as we move ahead.
3. CIO Updates
   1. None.
4. Project Status Updates
   1. Received contractual information about state of RI Workplace implementation. Can now plan out or next steps and questions for clarification on pricing that will allow us to plan budgeting for implementation.
   2. Mike G: Research DMZ questions should be addressed how? Gaurav is most knowledgeable. Can also talk with Ted and CIT.
   3. No other questions or comments from the group
5. Security Update
   1. Bob and Heath building inventory of endpoints that URI owns in order to develop a full plan to roll out to university.
   2. Have several groups already in full compliance.
   3. Those who are not, are unsure of inventory or state of inventory of URI owned assets in their areas.
   4. Gaurav and Karlis are engaging with those who self-identify as having special research needs.
   5. Continuing development of cloud based secured environment for data system access that secures the data for those who do not own university provided endpoints.
   6. Larger system security issues, IT contract review in place and rolling along with every contract coming into us is having a security contract triage applied to it. Sometime this is a quick process, and other times not, since there is only one person handling this.
   7. Questions:
      1. Kara: Tracy, John and Kara are trying to work out the kinks between Purchasing and Risk/Insurance.
      2. Mike G: are there any issues with folks giving up administrative rights? It is required to get access to university data. Still working on gathering data. There have been issues but not sure how widespread they have been. CEPS had only one self-identified faculty member with a problem.
         1. Ian: majority of faculty in COP that we’ve completed security compliance have had no issues. They are accepting of what needs to be done to protect their data and others.
      3. Amanda: Is it true that the plan is to make sure we all have the same computers? Rumor or truth? There was a request for funding to administration to provide every employee with a basic machine. If a unit has additional needs for faculty or staff, it is up to the unit to provide the supplemental funding to get the machine needed. Shared funding model. Balances responsibility.
      4. Ted: FacSen perspective: developed a draft amendment to the policy as the policy as it stands makes no difference between faculty and staff, and faculty machines require a little more leniency with compliance. Also request additional funding support.
6. IT Strategic Plan Update
   1. Subgroups involved have worked in the university-provided spreadsheet and has been very productive with 40 items in the master grouping.
   2. Next steps are to group them and wade through them to potentially winnow them during this month.
   3. Goal is to have a list completed to share with IT Gov next month.
   4. AI is an intriguing idea that has been put forth,
   5. Rationalizing the delivery of IT services. Items that are used broadly whether it’s URI or a major corporation (ex: Words, Excel). Items specialized for university use. Items specific to a college or department only (ex: intramural sports management).
   6. Need to establish standards and practices (ex: AV systems).
7. Open Forum
   1. Upcoming Meetings
      1. Next meeting is WED 5/3/2022 at 9 AM via Zoom.