

## IT Gov Minutes

May 6, 2026

Via Zoom

**Attendees:** Kirk Brown (non-voting) (absent), Brenton DeBoef (absent), Gabriele Fariello, Melissa Frost, Brandon Fuller (absent), Michael Greenfield, Amanda Izenstark, Shaun Kavanagh (absent), Michael Khalfayan, Ian Lester, Dean Libutti, Matt McDonald (absent), Sanjay Kumar Mupparapu, Lindsey Nottage, John Stringer, Shaun Wallace, Ying Zhang (absent)

**Guests:** Noah Daniels, Gaurav Khanna, Lidia Pierce (absent), Scotia Roopnarine

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve minutes.
  - b. All approved.
  
2. CIO Report
  - a. IT Policy
    - i. It is a consolidation and updated policy from the work we have done over the last two years.
    - ii. There is a push to get it out to the full Administrative Policy Committee (APC) after public review and GF stepped in to stop that as it is not ready under the direction of legal and records management.
    - iii. Why? It is a substantial deviation from the last version circulated and it was not circulated widely enough. The updated version will be shared out (including this group) and we will have a conversation after that.
    - iv. This update can be done within one month.
    - v. Discussion or Questions
      1. Amanda: This is appropriate.
        - a. Sue Adams' office will have a list of department chairs.
      2. Noah: Many he spoke to felt there was not enough time given for review. Open for comments now and do not close it until late September with a reminder in early September.
        - a. Department Chairs are working for the summer, and they may be a good point of contact.
      3. Michael G: If one of the goals is to have full faculty, staff, and student involvement, then a process starting in mid-May is not a solution given it is the end of the academic year, grades, etc.
      4. John: Federal calls for comments are specific in direction which gives a good understanding of what is up for discussion and what is not, so it makes it easier to pinpoint which sections have changed. Perhaps we will take this approach?
  
3. Evaluation of Student Information System
  - a. Met on Friday, April 17 with working group.

- b. Hope to have a proposal within the next four weeks for participants, ideas, timelines – but this may lag into September due to summer availability being spotty.
  - c. Will look to have subgroups focusing on different areas.
- 4. Evaluation of Learning Management System
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  - b. Hope to have a proposal within the next four weeks for participants, ideas, timelines – but this may lag into September due to summer availability being spotty.
  - c. Will look to have subgroups focusing on different areas.
  - d. Comments
    - i. Noah: mentioned to FacSen and they are interested and looking forward to this.
- 5. IT Strategic Plan: The Strategy
  - a. We may be able to call it an IT Strategy and then release it but there is no confirmation on this yet.
  - b. Thank you to this group for your support in this process and the demanding work you have committed to it.
- 6. Project Status Updates
  - a. No questions asked.
  - b. Scotia: He commented on the readiness for the FAFSA and the IT environment to complete the patches that need to be done for URI to get the financial aid packages out to students which enable URI to be competitive in securing new students for the upcoming academic year. The biggest roadblock is that IT staff are working on Workday efforts over these critical processes. The hiring freeze and other HR changes are impacting us dramatically.
    - i. GF: This is a significant and real risk.
    - ii. John: We are leveraging this in the push to get rid of Hypergen, correct?  
SR: Yes, they are lacking in IT maturity for the work we need done resulting in substandard capabilities and work with a lot of costly balls being dropped.
  - c. Michael G: He asked about Brightspace accessibility and what's public facing. And, if a course is closed, does it need to meet the accessibility standard?
    - i. GF: He gave a legal statement that OGC shared with him and touched on risk but recommended deeper research for better understanding.
- 7. Open Floor
  - a. Nothing brought forward.