

IT Gov Minutes
November 5, 2025
Via Zoom

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

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Gabriele motioned to approve.
 - b. Minutes are approved.

2. CIO Update
 - a. IT Survey Results
 - i. [2025-11 IT Services Survey Report.docx](#)
 - ii. 62% of respondents were faculty members.
 - iii. We are largely where we expected it to be, especially for our funding rate, as we lag behind our peer institutions with financial support.
 - iv. The challenge is to let people know what our limitations are given our level of staffing and financial support.
 - v. Shared the results with President, Provost, and VP for Admin & Finance
 - vi. Questions
 1. Ying: surprised at how low the participation rates are by college; why couldn't we engage them? GF: We were discouraged from emailing the community, and we did not want to conflict with the SNAP survey. Open to approaches to reach a broader audience for the next time we do this.
 2. John S: The Economist had an article that world-wide survey responses are down, so we are not alone. We were on an accelerated schedule and competing against others so next time we should plan a little better. Spring may be a better time for this survey. Stony Brook has a good model for surveying portions of their student body every week.
 3. Shaun W: His research expertise is this very topic, and he offered to assist in the future with the process and ideas.
 4. Dean: Feels that this was a great start.
 - b. Budget
 - i. Our hearing is November 19, and we are being told to anticipate a reduction in our budget. Over the last two years we have found a savings of \$700k by renegotiating the contract; however, there is not much else we can cut if anything.

3. IT Policy
 - a. Met with Chris Barker and Mike K but had to postpone the follow-up to finalize the policy so it will be done before December.
4. IT Strategic Plan
 - a. This project is also behind schedule.
 - b. Meeting with ITS Leadership to finalize the OKRs for next quarter. Mission, Vision, Values statements, and Guiding Principles are finalized.
 - i. We will share with you later today and encourage your feedback.
5. Project Status Updates
 - a. No questions or comments at this time.
6. Open Forum
 - a. Gaurav: Spoke about Sanctuary project with UMass Amherst to handle secure research needs. Going through a gap analysis and looking at results to implement changes to be fully compliant by beginning of 2027.
 - b. Mike K: Hermathena is the new Sherlock instance providing secure research for NIH projects and other projects. There are some challenges we are working through to provide researchers with the services they need to meet those requirements.