As a result of the Administration Management Review Committee (AMRC) and the IT Review Steering Committee’s IT Governance Project, the University established an IT Strategic Governance Committee (IT Gov). This committee is a Presidential committee within the URI committee structure.

The IT Gov committee has ably met the needs of the University for four years. With changes in IT, the time has come to re-structure this group to best meet the needs of the future. This evolution (IT Gov 2.0), represents the inclusion of a broader group of constituencies and subgroups that have developed in the intervening years.

**Guiding Principles:**

* ***Transparency*** - Decision-making process and outcomes will be well-defined and broadly communicated. How decisions are made and who has input and decision-making authority must be clear and specific.
* ***Engagement*** – Decision-making processes will be inclusive and focus on university-wide IT.
* ***Responsiveness*** – IT Gov, other existing IT committees, and IT organizations will work with the community to find ways to meet needs and remove barriers to progress.
* ***Leadership*** – Governance will encourage, prioritize, and advocate for IT investments and reallocations that are strategically important to the University’s future.
* ***Innovation*** – Governance will promote effective practices and collaborate with IT leaders to explore new and innovative uses of technology.
* ***Accountability*** – Governance will value, measure and promote the effective and secure use of technology and the continual improvement of services. We will lead by example.
* ***Partnership*** – The effective management and use of the University’s information technology requires a collaborative effort among IT groups and administrative and academic departments.

**Committee Charge**:

*The work of IT Gov is intended to promote effective and efficient IT services that meet constituents’ current and future needs. Outcomes should further an information technology environment that supports and facilitates the realization of campus, divisional, and departmental goals related to Teaching and Learning, Research, University Administration and commodity IT as follows:*

1. Align university strategies and IT investment by linking IT projects and initiatives to strategic priorities across IT portfolios, ensuring effectiveness while balancing risk and return.
2. Ensure collaboration, transparency and communication by providing a central, consistent method of approving and prioritizing IT projects including change management procedures.
3. Promote and enable IT best practices, strategies, and policies, including change management, in collaboration with University departments.
4. Foster accountability by establishing IT service levels, measuring IT performance, evaluating outcomes of IT initiatives and projects, and providing feedback to IT leaders and their customers.

*To achieve the outcomes listed above, IT Gov will:*

1. Review and evaluate proposals and recommend strategies, plans, and policies for University information technology that support IT and other University Strategic Plans.
2. Prioritize and rank funded initiatives with a University perspective.
3. Advise the members of senior leadership on all aspects of information technology, including emerging services to monitor, new service implementation, existing service resourcing and service obsolescence.
4. Collaborate with senior management across Divisions and relevant advisory committees and campus constituencies. Ensure the appropriate balance of central and distributed IT resources.
5. Review resource reallocation requests and new resource requests in collaboration with the Strategic Budget and Planning Council (SBPC).
6. Assess and support IT risk management, compliance and security efforts.
7. Establish and monitor measurable objectives for campus information technology, providing evaluation feedback to and from the University for major projects ranked and supported by IT Gov.

**Advisory To:**

* University President and the members of University Senior Leadership.

**Meeting Frequency**:

* Monthly.
* Additional meetings as needed.

**Topical Advisory Councils:**
 IT Gov will interface directly with the committees below via joint personnel appointments to ensure open and clear lines of communication and complementary rather than competitive approaches to enhancing IT infrastructure, operations, and applications. Interactions with other standing URI committees will occur as necessary and appropriate.

A member of ITGov, to be appointed through the regular committee appointment process will serve as the chair of special topical advisory councils to ITGov. The standing topical advisory councils shall be:

* Data Governance Council – recommend policies, processes and actions for all institutional data issues, and provide ITGov with relevant analysis of the impact of IT initiatives on all data-related issues.
* Web Policy Council – provide oversight, planning, policies and processes to guide the further development of the URI web presence, branding and related communications.
* Research Computing Council – advise ITGov on how best to develop and further the use of computation for the purpose of scholarly work at the University.
* IT Technical Standards Council – be aware of emerging IT technical standards and advise ITGov about technical standards to be adopted the by University.
* Administrative Computing Council – plan, guide and develop the administrative support systems used for the conduct of the business part of university operations.
* IT Security Council – advise ITGov on all issues related to maintaining a secure and compliant IT environment at the University.

The chairs of these topical advisory councils are full voting members of ITGov. The membership of these councils will be based on rotating three-year terms and be subject to ratification by the membership of ITGov. It is expected that each topical advisory council be balanced appropriately with respect to the complimentary missions of scholarship, education and administration as well as any topic-specific balance. For example, Data Governance should be composed of equal numbers of data producers and consumers, IT Tech Standards should be balanced between distributed and central IT, and so on.

Topical advisory councils advise the full ITGov committee. Proposals for new investments, IT-related policies, standards and processes shall be discussed by the membership of ITGov before any further action is taken.

**Ad-Hoc Advisory Councils:**

* Formed and disbanded as needed based on projects, initiatives, or needs for temporary coordination around a specific issue or project.

**Composition**:

* Committee membership should reflect the all University’s constituencies as best as feasible. While committee members are selected from various URI constituencies, all members are expected to represent, first and foremost, institutional best interests rather than specific Divisions, departments, or units.
* Each division of the University shall have at least one representative on IT Gov. In some cases, such representation will be implicit through the joint appointment to IT Gov and a standing committees.
* At least 1/3 of the non-student committee membership shall be full-time faculty. At least one undergraduate and one graduate student will be members of the committee through appointment by the respective student governance groups.
* The chair will be jointly selected by the Provost and the VP of Administration and Finance.
* Committee membership will include:
	+ The Chair of the Web Policy Council or his/her designee
	+ The Chair of the Faculty Senate Committee on Information Technology and Infrastructure
	+ The Vice Provost for Enrollment Management or his/her designee
	+ The Controller or his/her designee
	+ A Faculty Member from the Research Computing Council
	+ A Faculty Member representing the ATL, the Joint Committee on Online Learning, or the Joint Classroom Steering Committee
	+ The Chair of the Data Governance Council
	+ A Distributed IT Representative from IT Technical Standards Council
	+ A Representative from the ITS Leadership Team
	+ A Dean Representing the Council of Deans
	+ One Representative each from the Divisions of Student Affairs and Research and Economic Development
	+ An At Large Faculty member with IT expertise
	+ An Undergraduate and a Graduate student to be appointed by the Student Senate and Graduate Student Council, respectively
	+ The Chief Information Security Officer of the University as the representative of the IT Security Council.

**Tenure:**

* Committee representatives will serve three-year staggered terms with an option to renew.

**Decision Making**:

* A quorum consisting of no less than 66% of full committee membership must be present for the IT Gov to take official action. Consensus is preferred, but formal votes may be taken as necessary. Minutes of all meetings will be recorded, approved, and posted for the university community broadly to consider.