

## IT Governance Program – Architecture & Infrastructure Committee

### Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2020  
 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
*Zoom only*

**Attendance:**

AIC Members		Ex- Officio Members	
X	Andy Bland	X	Jennifer Hutchison
X	Cheryl Cato (Chair)	X	Susan Neitsch
X	Francis Dang	X	Chris Nugent
X	William Deigaard	X	Ed Pierson
X	Justin Ellison	X	Chris Wiley
X	Dr. Paul Gratz		
		X	Dr. 'Jon Jasperson
			Sean Michaelson
		X	Zac Sanders (Parliamentarian)
			Dr. Michael Sardaryzadeh
			Anthony JG Antonidis

ITG Program Support		AIC Guests	
X	Sharon Mainka		
X	Missy Mouton		
X	Ethel Vaught		

**Minutes: Scheduled Business**

**Item 1: Welcome & Announcements**

Description: *General welcome and opportunity for announcements and items of interest relevant to the committee.*

- Cheryl Cato welcomed the group.

**Item 2: Next Generation Aggie Network**

Description: *Update on the network upgrade project.*

- Received 13 responses back from the RFI issued. The next round of effort is around building a stakeholder subcommittee to go through the responses and begin building requirements for the Next Generation Aggie Network. Cheryl will send out links to the responses and have everyone write notes on what needs to be done to start designing the service requirements for the network, then pull in key researchers for design ideas.
- Discussion on that approach:

- Ed Pierson: Other places did a parallel program, meaning one group looks through pulling out ideas liked from the responses, then feeding that to the other group who is speaking with customers to see which ones make sense and which ones do not. This would be kind of an informal approach of the two groups discussing and working through those ideas which will stimulate other ideas especially as what we would identify as requirements.
- Justin Ellison: Are there any other special interest groups we could reach out to for help on this? Research being a big component.
- Cheryl: Brainstorming stakeholders she felt was important to be included: Engineering, Athletics, Vet Med, HSC, Student Affairs, Utilities, and Finance and Administration. Discussion on what others in this committee felt to be included:
- Ed: Remote such as Galveston and School of Law.
- Cheryl would like another academic idea: Jennifer suggested College of GeoSciences, Division of Research was also suggested, as well as the College of Architecture, and Safety and Security.
- A motion was made and seconded to create the task force. All for, none opposed, motion carried: NextGen Aggie Network Task force is created.
- The next step is to choose someone to lead this task force.
  - Cheryl suggested co-leaders as it is large, and asked for volunteers or nominations.
  - Ed Pierson volunteered to co-chair.
  - Zac Sanders volunteered to help.
  - William Deigaard volunteered as well.
  - William, Ed and Zac will co-lead this task force together. These three will draft a charge and send it out to the group to begin work.

**Item 3: Azure Sub-Committee**  
 Description: *Discussion of new sub-committee.*

- Started with Azure because of Office 365 link.
- Discussed thoughts and what AIC can do to prepare.
  - William: Best thing is to help in prioritizing work tasks. Would need help in prioritizing work flows.
  - Use cases: Hearing from people as to how they will use it and ways that would work better would be useful. Gathering those work cases will help with options and make it work better for everyone. Using the AIC to share those best practices would be helpful. A way to get quick benefit and effort would be for us to bring a list of things to the AIC that is felt to be a road map and have the AIC go through that list and discuss it internally and the AIC then get a list of possible priorities.
  - As we are more ready for activity, using AIC to make a committee to help keep up with best practices would be helpful later on.
  - Ed: William's team could make up what the boundaries would be for this, so the most help can be applied. Then the group do a big white board session and develop a pattern.
  - Chris Nugent: Would like to put a domain presence in the cloud to communicate and manage devices. William says this is in the road map.
- William will send an email out hopefully by next week with a use case list so it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Other business:  
 Sharon said there is a Technically Speaking on Monday.

Meeting adjourned: 2:16 p.m.