IT Governance Program – Research & Innovative Technologies Committee
Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
JK Williams Building, Conference Room 212

Attendance:

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<td>X Dr. Hye-Chung Kum</td>
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<td>Dr. Michael Bishop</td>
<td>Sean Michaelson</td>
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<td>Dr. Susan Bloomfield (Chair)</td>
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<td>X Cheryl Cato</td>
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Minutes: Scheduled Business

**Item 1:** Welcome and Introductions
Description: General welcome and an opportunity for announcements or items on interest relevant to the RITC

Chris Seabury welcomes the group, there were no round table introductions.

**Item 2:** Aggie Cloud Grant Program
Description: To support faculty researchers in their transition of significant IT equipment into the data center, Dee Childs and Cheryl Cato will discuss the proposed grant program.

- Aggie Cloud Faculty Matching Grant Program Outline handout was distributed to the group.
This grant was created to help faculty researchers meet the financial obligations incurred by transitioning their equipment to the new data center per requirements of the new SAP.

- This is a matching program so half of this funding would come from the College itself.
- The question was raised as to whether this was one time funding.
- Dee Childs explained that the applicant would propose what is needed to be funded.
  - Example: $10,000 is needed for data storage that for three-four years. The award is not something that would repeat yearly.
- The group continued into heavy discussion on what the business model for this would look like and how it would work.

**Item 3:**  **Review of SAP 29.01.03.M1.05**

*Description:* The Information Risk, Policy, and Security Committee voted to adopt a proposed draft of SAP 29.01.03.M1.05 to address the criteria of significant IT equipment. Joshua will explain the changes and the process.

- Joshua Kissee distributed a hand out containing the SAP.
- This SAP was approved by the Office of the President on January 15, 2019.
- Josh went over the definitions of each level of impact as defined by this SAP.
- Dr. Michael Hall raised concern regarding the language “Mass storage” and “Network accessible data storage.” The other items listed as significant IT equipment have a slightly different language than “mass storage” does.
  - Discussion determined that the existing language is appropriate.
- Enterprise data center was also defined.
- Dee Childs discussed the exception process and explains that the Chancellor is the final authority on exceptions, but the Dean of the college must approve first.
- Dee stated that she plans to meet with Mark Stone to discuss the process of getting exceptions routed to the chancellor and the chain of command for these exception forms.

**Item 4:**  **Survey Result Prioritization**

*Description:* This conversation will prioritize the analysis and recommendation efforts of the faculty survey. Specifically, the RITC will determine if developing a recommendation for data storage solutions for faculty researchers will become the priority of effort through May 2019.

- The group reviewed the survey results and discussed the CPI Survey actions prioritization and how to proceed.
- Storage, both long term storage and faster storage options, were identified as items that should be addressed, as well as the personnel needed to manage these items.
- It was suggested that a task force be created to address questions of infrastructure, business models, etc. to work out the details and it be part of the deliverable of this committee for long term storage.
- There is also a need to develop a pricing structure.
- Dee says we need to come up with some pre-assembled options.
• A proposal for centralized research data storage - data repository - is a goal but there is concern with the business model and long term data.
  o How do we refresh this years later with an RDF.
  o It was also discussed that RDF is not the right place. There is awareness to the issue.
  o This could be addressed by this task force that is being requested.
• Chris Seabury made a formal motion to create this task force
  o Seconded by Dr. Michal Hall, if it includes research computing.
  o No discussion.
  o Votes: All for, none opposed, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned 11:33 a.m.