

IT Governance Program – Research & Innovative Technologies Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2019
 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

JK Williams Building Conference Room 212

Attendance:

RITC Members		RITC Members		Ex-Officio Members	
	Dr. Narasimha Annareddy	X	Dr. Hye-Chung Kum		Dee Childs
X	Dr. Michael Bishop		Sean Michaelson	X	Dr. Mark Barteau
X	Dr. Susan Bloomfield (Chair)	X	Dr. Honggao Liu		
	Aaron Brender (Parliamentarian)		Dr. Ramalingam Saravanan		
	Dr. Pierce Cantrell	X	Paula Sullenger		
X	Cheryl Cato		Chris Seabury		
X	Dr. Michael Hall				

ITG Program Support		RITC Guests	
X	Joshua Kissee	X	Tom Golson
X	Sharon Mainka		
X	Missy Mouton		

Minutes: Scheduled Business

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

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

- The group took a quick look at the minutes from the January 28th meeting. If anything important is deemed missing, it should be reported to Sue Bloomfield with Joshua Kissee copied.

Item 2: Long-term Research Storage Task Force

Description: *RITC voted on January 28th to form this task force. Discussion of proposed charter with vote on revised version; additionally, consideration of essential expertise needed on task force.*

- Joshua Kissee distributed a handout originally titled “University-Wide Long-term Research Storage Solution Analysis Project Charter.”

- Commentary was taken from the last two meetings where this topic was discussed. The committee looked at some other universities, looked at survey data and created some deliverables.
- The two questions that came from this were:
 - Are these the right deliverables
 - If so, who should be a part of this analysis project?
- This is one of the many needs identified on the survey, but it is a good place to start.
- Cheryl Cato and William Diegaard have been looking at what has been done and what technologies are available.
- Cheryl asked William to put together three approaches to present to researchers for input on which of these approaches may work for them.
 - One of the possibilities that was identified was Globus. Josh pulled this up for the group to see.

Item 3: Splunk for Researchers

Description: *Presentation of a new research data resource.*

- Tom Golson gave the group a slide presentation on SPLunk, which is the application platform for data.
- This presentation will be posted in the committee shared drive.
- Questions, should be sent to Tom Golson at tgolson@tamu.edu or security@tamu.edu.

Item4: Task force Charter

- The charter handout was discussed in further detail for possible modifications.
- The top three objectives were identified:
 1. Long-term storage
 2. Bandwidth
 3. Short-term storage on survey data

Discussion:

- What does storage mean?
- Should this be changed to research data storage solutions?
- Should we focus the end product on data storage rather than global management?
- The charter should include definitions.
- The following changes were recommended on the charter:
 - Bullet 1: Strike the word “long-term” , add the word “research” to data storage. Take the word “long-term” out of the title of the charter and add “data” in front of the word “storage”. Also, add “and utilization” after the word storage.
 - Bullet 2: Add “Stem social and health sciences”.
 - Bullet 3: Move this bullet to number 1.
 - Bullet 4: This is a result from bullet 1. Survey will be number 4.
 - Bullet 5: This should be moved to bullet 3.
 - Bullet 6: The final step was development of proposed solution as well as a business plan.
- Revisions to the charter will be made based on this discussion and sent out for review again.

- The expertise that may be needed was discussed, and a few that were identified are:
 - Library, cyber-security, statisticians or mathematicians, two volunteers from this committee (Chris Seabury and Hye-Chung Kim volunteered), individual researchers, and IT staff or faculty.
 - Should choose critical themes and who we can get to represent them.
 - The committee should be about 7-10 people.
- Sue Bloomfield will send a summary of this discussion to the committee, so that those not present at this meeting can contribute to the conversation.
- This task force will start in the fall and last no more than 6 months.
- Josh and Cheryl will talk to Dee Childs to determine her expectations for this task force and will follow up with this group.
- Josh and Sue will revise the deliverables list.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:32am

Next Meeting: March 25, 2019