IT Governance Program – Research & Innovative Technologies Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2020
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
JK Williams Building Conference Room 212

Attendance:

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<th>RITC Members</th>
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<td>X Dr. Raymundo Arroyave</td>
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<td>Dr. Susan Bloomfield</td>
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<td>X Aaron Brender</td>
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<td>X Cheryl Cato</td>
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<td>X William Deigaard</td>
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<td>X Sharon Mainka</td>
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Minutes: Scheduled Business

**Item 1:** **Welcome & Announcements**

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

- Round table introductions.

**Item 2:** **Review of Committee Goals and Objectives**

*Description:* Review and revision of committee goals and objectives

- William Deigaard began discussion on committee objectives and setting new ones.
- As an update: The Research Data Storage and Transfer task force was created and met over the summer, produced a survey, and sent it out. Work is continuing on this.
Item 3: New Business Items
Description: Introduction of new business items from committee

- William explained that it was previously decided to take the concept of research storage and delegate it to a task force.
- A document titled 2019-2020 RITC Committee Objectives was viewed and is available in Google Docs.
  - General compute needs for researchers
  - Supporting researchers with more technology and infrastructure.
  - RITC issuing recommendations or expressing support for other initiatives
  - What can we do to help improve data management plans
- Discussed each college creating a list of software they have and use. Sharon Mainka reported that the EAC is actually working on a software inventory catalog.
- Discussed whether faculty and researchers would find it useful if there were some sort of templated configurations or environments available for the cloud. Yes. Also, a simple matrix would be useful for what services can be used for research purposes, what you can and cannot use a service for.
- Discussed need for strategy to lifecycle outdated equipment and software used in research. Sandbox them away from the campus network, Internet.
- Discussed RITC issuing recommendations or expressing support of other initiatives:
  - Next Generation Aggie Network for Research and Education. Dee explained we need new network architecture and security features, not just patch the holes. A project has been proposed to the Executive Council, but has not been funded.
- There is a lot of Slack use on campus. Some use free version, others use the Texas A&M instance. Microsoft Teams has similar features, part of Office 365.
- GitHub is also available as well as GitLab. We can put together a one pager from this group to show what we support.
- Campus needs:
  - Globus- Haven’t heard a lot about needing this.
  - OGAPS appears to be helping with funding for Overleaf.
- How to improve data management plans? Provide guidelines and templates for researchers writing them.
- William will send out notes and propose new objectives.
- Sharon announced that on February 21 John Pryde will be presenting at Technically Speaking event on “What Is Privacy” from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in GSC 101.

Adjourned at 11:31 p.m.