Statewide IT Governance Committee Charter

Name

Statewide IT Governance Committee (SITC)

Purpose

To assist Information Technology Services with strategic allocation of the University’s IT resources, and provide oversight for initiatives owned by the Statewide IT Community.

Goal

The SITC ensures that strategic alignment of IT initiatives is a regular item on its agenda and that its stakeholders’ needs are addressed in a structured manner. It also promotes accountability among business and IT leadership to identify the most effective use of resources among members and across the University System. The ultimate objectives of Statewide IT governance are:

- Alignment of IT and University strategy
- Delivery of value by IT to the University
- Responsible use of IT resources
- Management of IT-related risks
- Measurement of IT performance

Responsibility

The SITC must receive sound information to make informed decisions. The SITC is to be provided accurate and timely input on IT Administration’s efforts to meet its obligations. Other responsibilities of the SITC include:

- Effective representation of constituency interests
- Prioritization of statewide IT requests generated by Communities of Practice
- Coordination of Statewide IT Community initiatives
- Effective communication to and from the committee
- Review of common business processes for coordination and consistency
- Identification and recommendation of policies and standards to improve effectiveness and efficiency (standardization, cost models, contract consolidation)
• Creation of an annual Statewide IT Plan, including budget, resource allocation, and planned projects

Authority

The SITC is accountable to the University President. The SITC does not play a role in day-to-day IT management, but acts as an advisor to the IT Administration on current and future IT-related issues.

The SITC is accountable and responsible for decisions pertaining to IT Architecture in order to validate alignment with University strategy. Open communication about initiatives and outcomes is maintained with stakeholders.

The SITC is accountable for Communities of Practice decisions pertaining to IT Applications. The representatives of the University’s Communities of Practice are responsible for defining functional requirements and representing their organizations’ interests throughout the process, and communicating those requirements to the SITC.

The SITC is responsible for decisions pertaining to IT Priorities & Investments to include prioritization, resource allocation, and validation of functional requirements by consulting with representatives of the University’s Communities of Practice.

Membership

Committee membership is determined by organizational role as primary or delegated Business or IT decision maker (within campus, institute, or system), role as primary or delegated Institutional Research decision maker, or role of Community of Practice Chairperson. Membership is based on the capacity to effectively represent constituency interests in the Statewide IT decision making process.

The Committee is expected to seek guidance as necessary to fulfill its mission. Such guidance may include, but is not limited to, the creation of advisory councils and inclusion of additional internal or external experts.

Meetings

The Committee is to meet as often as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities, as determined by the Committee Chairperson(s). It is to make information on participation, agenda, and minutes available to its constituencies and other members of the Statewide IT Governance community upon request.