



Boldly IT Technology Governance Executive Committee Charter

Effective Period: August 1, 2025 - December 31, 2028

Introduction

Boldly Illinois 2030 challenges our university community to “think differently, take risks, be courageous enough to fail and transcend business as usual.” In response, the **Boldly IT Strategic Plan** (Boldly IT) presents a campuswide vision for information technology that more fully aligns with Illinois’ mission, is more responsive to current and future needs, and fosters collaboration toward the collective good.

The **Technology Governance Executive Committee** (Executive Committee) plays a pivotal role in realizing this vision. By bringing together representative university executive leadership of the colleges, student affairs, research and innovation, HR, finance, and IT, the committee ensures that IT decisions are strategic, coordinated, and impactful across the university.

We envision a technology governance framework where the Executive Committee works in partnership with several subcommittees, each focused on a specific technology subdomain or portfolio. The subcommittees will bring forward recommendations, strategies, and issues for Executive Committee consideration. Together, the Executive Committee and subcommittees form a shared governance framework that aligns campus technology services and investments with university priorities.

1. Purpose

The Executive Committee provides institutional-level leadership, oversight, and shared governance for campus technology strategy, planning, prioritization, and investment. The committee ensures that IT initiatives align with the university’s mission and the goals of Boldly IT, in service of Boldly Illinois 2030.

2. Authority and Scope

The Executive Committee is charged by the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor and is empowered to:

- Recommend strategic IT decisions and resource allocations to university leadership.
- Provide executive-level guidance and decision-making on IT strategy and investments.
- Review and endorse proposals brought forward from subcommittees.

- Resolve escalated issues from technology governance subcommittees.
- Oversee and assess the performance and evolution of the technology governance framework.

3. Membership

3.1 Composition

Committee members are appointed by the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and serve a three-year term. Membership is composed of executive stakeholders from across the university: representatives from the Council of Deans, the vice chancellor of student affairs, the vice chancellor for finance, the vice chancellor for research and innovation, the senior associate chancellor for human resources, and the vice provost for IT and chief information officer.

Chair: Venetria Patton, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Members:

- Rashid Bashir, Dean of the Grainger College of Engineering
- Danita Brown Young, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- Brooke Elliott, Dean of Gies College of Business
- Aimee Heeter, Vice Chancellor for Finance (Provost)
- Mairéad Martin, Vice Provost for IT and Chief Information Officer (Provost)
- Susan Martinis, Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation
- Shari Mickey-Boggs, Senior Associate Chancellor for Human Resources
- Chrystalla Mouza, Dean of the College of Education
- Jamelle Sharpe, Dean of the College of Law
- Claire Stewart, Dean of Libraries and University Librarian

3.2 Terms of Service

Members serve a three-year term from August 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, with the possibility of reappointment.

3.3 Chair Responsibilities

The Chair will:

- Convene and facilitate committee meetings.
- Serve as primary liaison with the Provost's Office.
- Lead the preparation and delivery of the committee's annual report on its activities accomplishments, and recommendations.
- Coordinate with subcommittee chairs.
- Represent the committee in university-wide IT strategic discussions.



4. Responsibilities

4.1 Long-term Responsibilities

Over the course of its tenure, the Executive Committee will:

- Ensure IT strategies and priorities align with Illinois' mission and priorities.
- Enable collaborative executive-level sponsorship of IT strategic directions.
- Recommend and provide oversight of IT investments and their impact.
- Support the management of IT and cybersecurity risks across the institution.
- Resolve issues and proposals escalated from the technology governance subcommittees.

4.2 Phase 1 Specific Deliverables (August 2025 – December 2026)

1. Assess and ratify the Boldly IT Phase 1 plan and establish a cadence for reviews and reporting.
2. Review and provide feedback on a proposal for the overall technology governance framework and assess its evolution and performance as it becomes established.
3. Review and provide feedback on a proposal for how IT units across campus will align more fully.

5. Meetings

- The Executive Committee will meet four times per year (twice in the fall semester, twice in the spring). Cadence will be adjusted as the governance function matures. There may be additional required work outside of the regularly scheduled meetings.
- A quorum consists of six (6) members.
- Decisions will be made by consensus, when possible, with majority vote when consensus cannot be reached.
- Meeting agendas will be set by the Chair in consultation with the Office of the CIO and Office of the Provost.
- Subcommittee reports, proposals, and updates will be standing items on the agenda.
- Meeting minutes will be maintained and distributed to all members within one week of each meeting. Annual reports, with Executive Committee recommendations will be submitted to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor.

6. Subcommittees

The Executive Committee will work in partnership with subcommittees that represent distinct technology subdomains or portfolios (e.g., Teaching & Learning, Research Support, Data & AI, Infrastructure).

During Phase 1, the first subcommittee to be established will focus on **Teaching & Learning**.



7. Reporting and Communication

The committee will provide periodic updates to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor and share strategic IT developments and decisions with the broader university community.

8. Review and Amendment

This charter will be reviewed at the conclusion of Phase 1 (December 2026) and revised as needed to reflect the maturity and scope of the evolving governance model.

