

TECHNOLOGY GOVERNANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES -- ABRIDGED

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 (Kickoff Meeting)

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

105 Philanthropy Center

303 St. Mary's Road, Champaign

Zoom for remote attendees

MEMBERS: Venetria Patton (Chair), Aimee Heeter, Brooke Elliott, Chrystalla Mouza, Danita Brown Young, Jamelle Sharpe, Mairéad Martin, Rashid Bashir, Shari Mickey-Boggs, Susan Martinis

ABSENT: Claire Stewart

GUESTS: Provost Coleman, Jim Hurst (Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the CIO), Jeff Fox (Associate CIO for IT Engagement, OCIO; CIO and Process Improvement Coordinator, College of Veterinary Medicine)

GOVERNANCE FACILITATION & SUPPORT: Kim Nguyen-Jahiel (Office of the CIO)

I. Welcome & Introductions

Led by Chair Patton

II. Remarks from the Provost

The Provost emphasized coordination and collaboration as key to advancing the university's priorities. And noted the importance of aligning IT services with academic priorities and research missions.

III. DECISION: Committee Charter Ratification

Led by Chair Patton

Summary:

The committee reviewed and ratified the charter, which defines its advisory role to the Provost and decision-making authority for the portfolio subcommittees. Discussion focused on ensuring broad representation, including research support perspectives, and defining the process for nominating subcommittee chairs and members.

Decision:

- Charter was ratified by consensus.

Recommendations:

- The Executive Committee to nominate subcommittee chairs and approve subcommittee membership.
- Subcommittee charge letters to be shared with the Executive Committee.

Action Item:

- Create and distribute a nomination survey for the Teaching & Learning Subcommittee Chair. *(Completed October 10.)*

IV. DECISION: Boldly IT Strategic Plan Ratification

Presented by Mairéad

Summary:

The committee discussed the Boldly IT Strategic Plan as a framework for campus IT alignment. The plan identifies the need to shift from ad-hoc coordination to strategic collaboration and to take a cohesive approach to investments. Members noted that IT will need to play an active role in enabling teaching, learning, and research. Suggestions included aligning the plan's initiatives with portfolio subcommittees and addressing research funding mechanisms.

Decision:

- Boldly IT Strategic Plan, including three initiatives, was ratified by consensus.
 1. Establish a campuswide online learning infrastructure.
 2. Implement enterprise Generative AI services and support.
 3. Implement a Boldly IT data strategy.

V. INFORMATIONAL: Technology Governance Model: Portfolio Approach

Presented by Jim

Summary:

The committee reviewed the governance model establishing collaboration between the Executive Committee and portfolio subcommittees. The model emphasizes bidirectional communication, cross-committee collaboration, and alignment across IT portfolios. Members discussed the importance of avoiding silos, ensuring diverse perspectives, and coordinating with system-level IT functions. They also considered launching multiple subcommittees in Year 1 to test the model effectively.

Recommendation:

- Launch three subcommittees in Phase 1:
 1. Teaching and Learning
 2. Research Support
 3. Data and AI

VI. INFORMATIONAL: IT Alignment/Integration Proposal

Presented by Mairéad

Summary:

The committee reviewed recommendations to improve efficiency and coordination in campus IT while maintaining flexibility for specialized needs. The recommendations include establishing a Joint Innovation in AI Team; centralizing device cycle management; and consolidating server, backups, and operating system management. Members agreed that integration does not mean centralization, but shared governance and collaboration to strengthen IT services.

Decisions:

- The committee endorsed the principle of greater IT integration.
- The committee approved participation of campus IT teams in developing business cases for the recommendations.

Action Item:

- Develop business cases for:
 1. Centralized device cycle management.
 2. Consolidated server, backups, and operating system management.

VII. Other Business

None.

VIII. Next Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 3.