IT Architecture and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
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Meeting Notes

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Opening question: what do you want to get out of governance?
- Avoid campus going down a path like Caltime – big, expensive, problematic
- Help make prioritization decisions
- Have conversations about leveraging efficiencies
- Common roadmap for infrastructure, including SoRs
- Licensing and distribution mechanisms (e.g. s/w distribution, common mechanism)
- Flexing spending power of this group to drive towards efficiencies and standardization
- Governance is critical to helping stay strategic, instead of being relegated to plumbing.

Discussion Themes/Ideas
- Challenge is simplifying the problems, prioritizing a few key areas the group wants to achieve.
- We need to remain relevant; innovation is important.
- Have users go through a central clearinghouse, e.g. for things like Tableau
- Could consider a subcommittee of this committee to meet with all UCs to talk about opportunities for standardization/cost reduction for entire system. Larry says ITLC is exploring this, but requires functional partners participate.
- This committee should take an early look at proposals, provide feedback, and ask questions in advance of other committees
- ITAIC is the group to look at the overlaps between services, where there may be cost savings.
- How can we create financial incentives for people to do the right things (e.g., consortium model like MatLab)?

Successful Governance model slide comments:
- IT Governance is not about making decisions regarding local needs for units such as Haas, SAIT, etc.
- Incorporate voice of clients; transform business processes by working with functional partners
- Scaling IT solutions where appropriate – Tableau or SalesForce are great examples of where we could be doing something at scale.
- We need to help functional owners come along, they can’t remain ‘unique and special’ to achieve the efficiencies IT could deliver if deployed in a more consistent, holistic way (Larry). The ITLC group (UC CIOs) is in discussion about how we could do this better system wide. Janet Napolitano is under significant pressure to create greater efficiency within UC.
- Evaluate and quantify the results of our decisions – true portfolio management.
- Want to leverage the governance structure to make the campus more effective (e.g., Larry’s comment about Project Management policy).
Charter review comments

- Need to call out overlaps between committees; need to clarify processes for handling
- Should add BRCOE representation (Scott Shireman) (NOTE: he’s already on RTLTC)
- What are the inputs to the committee? IST? Other committees?
- Challenge is going to be where to focus. Recommend selecting 3-4 topics and trying to make headway.
- What are the inputs to this committee? Other governance committees, IST, anyone with ideas. Can consider whether we want to create workgroups or subcommittees for specific topics.

Ideas for Additional Information to be Developed/Discussed

- Need to develop processes to review new requests, weigh in on priorities. These are being developed.
- What is the age of our IT workforce? How does / will this impact us in the future?
- Develop a list of the groups we know already exist, paragraph about each (Jenn suggestion)
- Can we identify the operational cost doing recharge?
- Develop a list of things (birthright) that the campus could/should cover as a baseline.
- We still need to determine meeting frequency.

Actions / Follow Up

- Follow up on items in Ideas for Additional Information section (Liz)
- Reach out to Scott Shireman re membership (Lyle)