Introduction

In every healthy organization there must be a continual review of its goals and the operational philosophies for achieving success. As information technology is a strategic component in reaching Purdue’s institutional goals, this enterprise function must find its balance in leadership, service, partnerships, and fiscal responsibility. When strategically balanced in a campus-wide plan, information technology will both drive and support the innovative and cutting edge initiatives that will position faculty, staff, students and other university constituents to not only achieve the goals of today and tomorrow, but to reach beyond and foster the information technology of the future.

The current University budgetary challenge places a greater focus and emphasis on this institutional process of organizational review and renewal. Within this framework, President Córdova has asked that a comprehensive campus-wide plan for Information Technology be developed. The plan must include efficiencies that generate significant cost savings while providing high quality IT services to meet the university’s strategic goals.

Background

A dynamic and challenging vision for Purdue’s information infrastructure was established in 2002 through an IT strategic plan that recognized information technology as a powerful tool that enables revolutionary breakthroughs in scientific research and student learning while dramatically lowering barriers to engagement. It has been eight years since the previous task force was charged with developing a vision and implementation plan for creating a world-class digital information infrastructure that supports Purdue’s strategic efforts.

Goals

The committee will develop an updated Information Technology plan for the West Lafayette campus where the enterprise IT function will be seen as an integrated, university-level service under the Office of the Vice President for Information Technology (OVPIT). The plan will include:

- An integrated governance model;
- Cost saving approaches generating $15M recurring over time;
- Strategies to insure responsiveness to IT needs of all units.
Objectives

The plan will provide an integrated governance model to ensure that IT infrastructure, applications, and services are not duplicated, unless there are compelling and exceptional reasons for doing so and with the approval of OVPIT. The governance model will also include a mechanism to review new IT systems, services, or infrastructure to ensure that integration within the university framework for IT, security and economic efficiency considerations are taken fully into account.

The plan will ensure that the collective leverage of Purdue's total investment in IT is used in ways that are efficient, effective, and financially responsible, judiciously reducing duplicate services and efforts where appropriate while being responsive to the IT needs of our schools and units. It will reap recurring cost savings of $5M in FY2011 and recurring cost savings of at least $10M every year thereafter with an expectation that this can subsequently grow to $15M per year.

The plan will embrace all of the IT personnel and programs on Purdue’s West Lafayette campus for the next five years and beyond. The plan will benchmark against IT governance at other Big Ten and peer universities. It will capture and encourage the best practices to enhance student success, support our research agenda, and deliver our essential administrative operations in the most efficient and effective ways possible.

Meetings

1. Meetings will be held each Tuesday from February 2, 2010 through March 30, 2010.
2. First meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, 2010.
3. Meetings will be in Hovde 119 from 11:30 – 1:00.
4. Approved agendas and minutes will be maintained in a SharePoint website located at: https://sp.itap.purdue.edu/ovpit/ITstrategicplan/default.aspx
5. Documents will be maintained by version and required to be checked in and out to maintain integrity.

Campus IT Plan Committee

The term for appointment to this committee is February 1, 2010 through March 30, 2010.

Membership includes faculty, staff including IT leadership, and students from a broad range of academic and administrative units to provide campus-wide representation and perspective. Member ship includes:

Emily Arentson, Graduate Student, Foods & Nutrition
Mimi Arighi, Director, Vet Teaching Hospital
Dave Carmichael, Director, Engineering Computer Network
Wei Cui, Professor, Physics Professor
Melissa Dark, Associate Dean Research and Strategic Planning
Ellen Gruenbaum, Department Head, Anthropology
Eckhard Groll, Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Steven Hare, Director, Administrative Computing, Science
G. Logan Jordan, Associate Dean, Management
Julie Kercher-Updike, Assoc. Vice President IT Customer Relations
Connie Lapinskas, Assistant Provost Financial Affairs (Chair)
Chris Martin, Sustaining New Synergies Task Force
Sandra Monroe, Assistant Vice President Student Services
Rabindra Mukerjea, Director Strategic Planning & Assessment
Jaylene Nichols, Secretary, SMAS
Alan Rebar, Sr. Associate Vice President for Research & Executive Director of Discovery Park
Miguel Rivera, Undergraduate Student, Science
Terry Schroeder, Assistant Director Business Services Computing
Carol Shelby, Sr. Director, Environment, Health, Public Safety
Patrick Smoker, Department Head Ag Information Technology
Sam Wagstaff, Professor, Computer Science

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