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As a result of the University's Administration and Management Review Committee (AMRC) report, an IT Review Steering Committee was formed last year and charged with moving forward on some of the key recommendations in the IT Sub-Committee report. The first deliverable of the Committee is currently underway: Designing an IT Governance structure for URI.

Higher education consultant Phil Goldstein of Goldstein & Associates has been engaged to work with the University to create a governance structure. IT Governance refers to the policies, processes, and structures used to make a broad range of IT decisions. Improved IT Governance is foundational to implementing additional AMRC recommendations to enhance services, develop IT strategy, and optimize the balance between central and decentralized IT services.

Goldstein & Associates' work began in mid-January; its first phase of interviewing stakeholders throughout the University has been completed. They interviewed 90 faculty and staff representing more than 60 University departments including researchers, Council of Deans, Faculty Senate committees, administrators, IT staff, the President and the Senior Leadership team. Each interview, whether one-on-one or in a group setting, has focused on identifying the needs of the University for setting policies and processes for decision making of IT services.

Once the proposed structure has been through various workgroups, it will be made available to the University community in April for review and feedback before final implementation.

The response and support from the community on this effort has been encouraging! On behalf of the IT Review Steering Committee, we would like to thank everyone for their participation and continued engagement in this process, as we strive to build upon and enhance IT services to the URI campus community.

The [charge of the committee](#) and its [membership](#) is available online.