Committee on Information Technologies, Infrastructure, Computing Communications, and Networking (CITICCN)

Annual Report to the Faculty Senate

Members
Jeffrey Bratberg, PHP (16)
Yuwen Chen, CBA (17)
Maling Ebramipour, Dean, College of Business Administration, representative of the Provost
Victor Fay-Wolfe, CSC (18)
Jay Fogleman, EDC (16)
Ingrid Lofgren, NFS (17)
Julia Lovett, LIB (16)
Bahram Nassersharif, MCE (18), Chair (2015-17)
Yang Shen, GSO (17)
Vacancy, College of Nursing (18)
Vacancy, representative of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development
Vacancy, Associate Dean of the ASF College of Continuing Education or designee
Garry Bozylinsky, Chief information Officer, ex officio

The Committee on Information Technologies, Infrastructure, Computing, Communications, and Networking contributes to the development and maintenance of the strategic plan in collaboration with Information Technology Services and reviews and makes policy recommendations regarding the implications on academic and research planning, standards, services, physical facilities, and allocation of resources on all matters pertaining to information technology, infrastructure, computing, communications, and networking. By-Laws 4.85

CITCCN has had an active year with five meetings so far during Academic Year 2015-2016, the first year of engagement for the committee. During Spring 2016 semester, the committee meets monthly. CITCCN had engaged in a number of topics (as documented in the minutes of the committee meetings posted on the FS website http://web.uri.edu/facsen/committees/committee-on-information-technologies-infrastructure-computing-communications-and-networking/) that include the following significant activities:

1. Evaluation of IT Governance (ITgov) Committee Membership and Charge

    Last December, CITICCN reviewed the DRAFT documents issued by Provost DeHayes and VP Valentino on the membership and charge of a newly proposed presidential committee called IT Governance Steering Committee. CITICCN members noted that there were obvious deficiencies in the membership regarding representation of different IT components of the university. In particularly, it was noted that GSO and the Providence Campus run somewhat independent IT operations but there are no representatives from either group on the ITgov committee. Additionally, it was noted that the proposed membership of the ITgov included individuals that only have partial knowledge of IT operations, plans, and projects. As a result of this evaluation, CITICCN issued a memorandum with recommendations to the Provost and VP for Finance to include representation from GSO and Providence campus on the committee and add the CIO, Garry Bozylinsky, as an ex-officio member to ITgov. The CIO was added to the ITgov committee starting in February 2016. Additional information on ITgov can be found at (http://web.uri.edu/itgov/) .

2. IT Strategic Planning

    CITICCN is now engaged with IT strategic planning in collaboration with ITgov. The IT strategic

planning is contracted to the BerryDunn consultants by URI. BerryDunn has issued an IT assessment report (see http://web.uri.edu/itgov/) which was released in February 2016. They are now engaged in setting up a number of strategic planning workshops to develop the strategic plan. CITICCN members have been nominated and encouraged to participate in workshop sessions. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

Work Session	Date	ITgov Sponsor
Technology for Teaching and Learning	March 28 10am to 1pm Multi-Cultural Student Services Center, Hardge Forum	Bahram Nassersharif
Process Improvement and Enterprise Systems	March 29 9am to 2pm Memorial Union – Student Senate Chambers – Room 300	Sharon Bell
Technology for Research and High Performance Computing	April 7 10am to 1pm Memorial Union – Gallery	Joan Peckham
Infrastructure and Security	April 8 9am to 2pm Memorial Union – Student Senate Chambers – Room 300	Mike Khalfayan
IT Service Delivery	April 11 10am to 2pm Memorial Union – Student Senate Chambers – Room 300	Mike Motta
IT Organization	April 12 8:30am to 1pm Carothers Library, Galanti Lounge	Dean Libutti
Communications and Change Management	To be Scheduled after April 13	Kathleen Torrens

It is expected that CITICCN and the campus community will participate in the review and comment on the strategic planning document that will be produced by the consultants, expected in May 2016.

3. Development of a working list of issues of interest

CITICCN has developed a working list of issues of interest as follows:

4.
     a. High Performance Computing and Big Data Storage
     b. Learning Management System/Sakai
     c. E-mail policies and issues
     d. Wireless and VOIP Phone issues
     e. Help Desk issues
     f. Software licenses
     g. Expenditures on IT
     h. Web policy committee
     i. Joint classroom steering committee
     j. Networking
     k. Telecommunications
     l. IT Infrastructure

However, CITICCN is very interested in input from the faculty in creating a more comprehensive list of topics of interest to the faculty. In this effort, a detailed survey has been created by CITICCN to be distributed to all faculty to collect information about all aspects of IT at URI. We hope that all faculty will engage in expressing their views on IT services, infrastructure, computing, networking, and communications at URI. The survey will be released in April.

5. CIO Transition at URI

Recent resignation of CIO Bozylinsky from URI has resulted in the appointment of an interim CIO, Mr. Richard Kubica, who has accepted this position on a temporary basis until a search can be conducted for a permanent CIO. It is expected that CITICCN will be engaged in the process for the search.