

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

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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](#)

CITICCN held two meetings during Academic Year 2017-2018, the third year of engagement for the committee. CITICCN 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-and-networking/>) that include the following significant activities:

1. Implementation and maintenance of IT Strategic Planning

CITICCN engaged with interim CIO in reviewing implementation of the IT strategic plan. With departure of the interim CIO Richard Kubica in December 2017, this work for CITICCN was put on hold until a new interim CIO could be appointed.

A new interim CIO, Gabriele Fariello, was appointed in March 2018. CITICCN has extended a request for a meeting to include CIO Fariello. It is hoped that this meeting can be scheduled in April 2018 before the end of the academic year.

2. Security and academic software

CITICCN has been engaged in discussing and reviewing the current process for decision making and faculty involvement in decisions regarding acquisition, implementation, and configuration software systems and cloud storage supporting teaching and research. Currently faculty have cursory input in the decision making and review of acquisition, implementation, and configuration of software for their needs.

It is recommended that the reconstituted CITICCN committee in the form of Technology and Infrastructure sextet take an active role by recommending, reviewing, and approving future software acquisition, implementation, and configuration that will be used in teaching and research at URI.

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3. The interim CIO transition gap and the vague transition process from CITICCN to the Technology and Infrastructure committee in April-May 2018 has disrupted the continuity and work of CITICCN. It is recommended for new Technology and Infrastructure committee to convene as quickly as possible and continue the work of CITICCN with an ongoing list of items of interest as well as any new topics:
 - a. Wired Network Infrastructure
 - b. Wireless network issues
 - c. Software licensing
 - d. Technology in the classrooms
 - e. High Performance Computing
 - f. Security Software and Controls
 - g. E-mail policies and issues
 - h. VOIP Phone issues
4. The CIO position is an extremely important administrative position at URI that affects the entire university. Past experience with search processes at URI reveal the length of time that it takes to complete an administrative search process. It is strongly recommended that the current CIO search process move as quickly as possible but to also engage the campus community and particularly faculty in the interview process.