

University Council – Information Technology Committee  
Spring 2024 Meeting Report

April 29, 2024, via Zoom

Attending: Mark E. Johnson (chair), Stuart Ivy, Craig Piercy, Anna Scheyett, Chip Woods, JP Schmidt, Mike Schmidt, Marni Shindelman, Roger Lowe, Thea Ellenberg, Brian Fairchild, Jeffrey Kempinski, James Warnock, Paul Eubig, Allan Tate, Tim Chester (ex-officio)

Agenda:

- Qualtrics background and request for proposal discussion - update from Mark E. Johnson and Tim Chester. Originally purchased for research purposes, price based on FTE, the company is moving to a per-respondent basis which will see a massive increase for the university as it has been used for many administrative purposes outside of the original intended scope. Aux Services using for dining, vending, parking, housing. Units would need guidance on migrating to a new platform if that happens. Suggestion about using Redcap, which is already available. Concerns about the analysis tools built into Qualtrics and whether they would be in a new product. VPIT Tim Chester suggested there could be cost-recovery models for whatever platform is selected. Timeline discussed (request for proposals is being developed by a committee that includes IRC chair and faculty and staff from other units, an advisory group will be formed of a larger circle of users when proposals come in to give feedback).
- Co-pilot now available for AI use within our ecosystem, data input is not shared or used for AI training.
- Teams Phone is coming – university is moving away from copper-based phones to numbers being mapped to MyIDs that will ring through mobile and desktop apps. There will be options to put physical phones on desks where needed, which will be funded by units. Small discount in per-line charges.
- Planning items for FY25 – Help develop recommendations to bring IT staff into discussions that will have a technical impact.
- New business - None presented
- 24-25 chair selection - Stuart Ivy and Mark E. Johnson made brief statements. By a vote of 9-5, Johnson was re-elected.