Information Technology Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (Online)

In Attendance: M. Becich, T. Hitter, J. Dahm, R. Gregerson, D. DeJong, S. Wisniewski, K. Bonner,
J. Silverstein, A. Labrinidis, P. Rikstad, A. Delitto, R. Rutenbar, K. Doty, J. Baldwin, A. Wildermuth,
B. Childers, M. Colaresi, C. Hoyt, P. Kroboth, S. Mitrzyk, H. Sastry, S. Sereika, M. Henderson (Chair),
L. Gift, M. Madison, M. Silverstein, A. Hobaugh, C. Wertz, C. Burton, O. Green, D. Helfrich, S. Brandon,
J. Graham, B. Hart

Absent: A. Buxbaum, R. Gregerson, V. Chuah

Agenda sent to committee members in advance. Copy available on the ITAC website:
https://technology.pitt.edu/ITAC.

Henderson welcomed attendees and reviewed the agenda. Minutes of the February meeting are posted
to the Teams site and to the ITAC webpage.

IT Policy Development

Hitter provided an overview of the University policy process, which is important to the function of the
ITAC as an advisory body recommending University policy relating to IT. He also spoke of the work
beginning to address two University IT policies: Computer Access and Use (AO 10) and the University
Network Policy (AO 38). Policy committees chaired by Hart have been formed to update and revise
these policies. A copy of Hitter's presentation is available on the ITAC website and in Teams.

Subcommittee Reports

Henderson introduced subcommittee chairs Madison and Gift, thanking them for their willingness to
coordinate the important work these subcommittees were formed to do.

- ➢ Data Governance – Madison updated the ITAC on the first meeting of the Data Governance
  subcommittee indicating that the group has identified as a priority addressing data values for
  how institutional data should be used. The subcommittee will meet monthly to evaluate the
  values used by other schools and best practices to make data policy recommendations to the
  ITAC.
- ➢ Information Security – Gift updated the ITAC on her subcommittee's first meeting. Like the DGS,
  the ISS is evaluating security best practices and beginning to work through the responsibilities
  identified in the charter. This subcommittee will also meet monthly.

Updates and Committee Input – reports on ongoing initiatives given by various Pitt IT staff members
with engagement and input from committee members.

- ➢ Community Initiatives – Henderson and Pitt IT staff members updated the committee on the
  Meta Mesh project, providing wireless broadband access to underserved communities in
  partnership with Meta Mesh and KINBER.
- ➢ Research Computing – Deputy CIO Hobaugh is serving as interim co-chair of the Center for
  Research Computing. Pitt IT continues to work with Pitt researchers to solve specific problems.

Work is underway to provide a webpage with information focused on research computing to guide the University community to available resources and services. Work is also continuing to address the inter-network challenges between the University and UPMC which affect mainly researchers and availability of academic software licenses for use on UPMC machines.

- ➢ Pitt IT Space Utilization – Wertz provided an overview of Pitt IT's commitment to reduce staff space in University buildings by 50 percent. Reductions are to be made in the Cathedral of Learning, Bellefield Hall, and elsewhere. Many Pitt IT staff will continue to work remotely, making use of "hotel" or shared spaces when working on campus. Pitt IT is also reevaluating the need for physical computing labs on campus, focusing on expanding virtual labs created during the pandemic, shared workspaces, and similar ideas. Committee input on transforming the present computing labs is welcome. Pitt IT is also expanding wireless accessibility in nontraditional study and collaboration spaces such as outdoor wireless to meet the growing demand for wireless service anywhere. The Eduroam project providing UPMC access to University wireless and vice versa is being expanded to include Carnegie Mellon University.

Next Meeting
Thursday, July 8, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.