

## Information Technology Committee (ITC) Minutes

**Meeting Date: February 8, 2024 3:30-4:30 pm** (regular meeting) Circulated: March 19, 2024 Approved: March 21, 2024

**Present:** Magda Ivanova (Chair), Varun Agrawal, Mashon Allen (VP's Chief of Staff), Sol Bermann, James Crawford, Ivo Dinov, Yun Jiang, Bob Jones, Luis Marques, Ann Marshall (FSO), Amir Mortazawi, VP Ravi Pendse, Maura Seale, Deirdre Spencer (SACUA liaison), Quentin Stout, Sonia Tiquia-Arashiro, Jeffrey Yackley.

1. Chair Magda Ivanova called to order and there were no objections to approving the minutes.

2. Presentation and discussion on cyber hygiene, with special guests Sol Bermann and Bob Jones

- VP Ravi Pendse provided opening remarks, that all members of the campus have a role to play with cyber hygiene and that it takes a village to keep the U of M ecosystem secure. <u>U-M Safe Computing</u> <u>website</u> was recommended as a resource.
- Sol Bermann suggested reviewing the <u>Online Hygiene & Self-Protection Checklist</u>, which includes tips on reducing your personal information online, protecting yourself from unwanted digital content, securing your personal devices and accounts, and recommended escalation pathways. A link to the February 7<sup>th</sup> Safe Computing <u>Notice: Threat Actors Targeting Researchers and Academics</u> was shared. Faculty can learn more about email filtering at <u>How U-M Reduces Malicious Email for You</u>.
- A question was asked about informing students about cyber hygiene. IT has provided programming for students every October for cyber security month (quizzes, prizes, etc.), partnering with student organizations, and working with students on generative AI initiatives.
- IT has been working on several initiatives related to AI, including <u>new features, extended free usage of</u> <u>U-M AI services in 2024</u> and a <u>new generative AI workshop series</u>. There are also AI advising tools, such as <u>LSA Maizey AI Advising</u>. You can view the <u>ITS AI Release Notes</u>.
- There was a discussion about DALL·E (i.e. Open AI's release of <u>DALL·E 3</u>). Topics discussed included how DALL·E might be used in a classroom setting and ethical issues related to artist copyright.

3. ITC Suggestions and/or Areas of Interest on Cyber Hygiene and AI

- Support for faculty to discuss cyber hygiene with students, such as creating a Canvas slide or tutorial about cyber hygiene for faculty to share with students.
- Faculty interest in AI LMS API integration into Canvas.
- Faculty interest in AI that works more effectively with formulas, figures and diagrams, including for teaching purposes.
- Faculty interest in making sure that IT offerings meet a broad and inclusive range of faculty needs.

Meeting adjourned.



Upcoming Winter Term ITC meeting include:

Thursday, March 21, 3:00-4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Ann Marshall (FSO, Faculty Governance Coordinator)