



Information Technology Committee (ITC) Minutes

Meeting Date: September 29, 12-1 pm (regular meeting)

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Present: Quentin Stout (Chair), Natasha Allen, Susan Borda, James Cranford, Ivo Dinov, Lydia Fettig, Bruce Maxim, Ravi Pendse (VP for Information Technology and CIO), David Potter, Angelica Previero (RSG), Larissa Sano, Vashni Santee (Office of VP IT/CIO), Jeffrey Yackley

Absent: Mashon Allen (VP's Chief of Staff), Michael Bohanon, Jesse Capecelatro (SACUA liaison), Sanjeev Kumar

1. The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the 4/23 meeting were approved. ITC members introduced themselves.
2. Welcome from ITC Chair Quentin Stout & VP Pendse
 - Chair Stout welcomed everyone to ITC and invited members to contact him between meetings.
 - VP Pendse offered appreciation for the work of the committee, shared gratitude for the committee members as teachers, and expressed interest in being in dialog.
3. Discussion of the ITC charge and plans for 2025-2026
 - The [ITC Charge 2025-2026](#) was reviewed and discussed.
 - **AI:** VP Pendse shared that a university-wide committee on AI will be created and ITC can inform the work of this committee. The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC) will also be discussing AI. Faculty have raised concerns about the environmental impact of AI, including in relation to the partnership with Los Alamos and the demand of AI systems for water. VP Pendse offered to do an open session/s on AI topics and to address misinformation. Students are using AI which can be frustrating for GSIs, and AI should not be a substitute for critical thinking. An ITC member shared examples of use of [AI in the arts](#). Another faculty member shared they've been teaching AI since the 1980s, but are still struggling with many of these issues. Interest was expressed in finding a middle ground with AI issues.
 - **Action Item:** How to best solicit feedback on faculty experiences with AI? A Qualtrics Survey? Consider the prior U-M AI survey as an initial starting point.
 - **Accessibility:** An ongoing issue also in ITC's purview is the campus-wide accessibility project with a federally set deadline of April 2026 (see also [last year's ITC meeting on the topic](#)). There are accessibility champions in each school and there are ITS-provided tools and workshops to support the project. The proprietary solution offered by Adobe is not cost effective. It was noted that Deep Blue alone has 175,000+ documents. There are concerns that faculty may move content to Google Docs instead of making content accessible. An ITC member recommended that more emphasis be placed on U-M websites as compared to Canvas materials. Faculty are still grappling with how to make content such as hand-written historical materials, equations, images, and other content types accessible. There was discussion on whether AI tools might be used to make existing legacy documents accessible.
 - Other topics on the charge are cyber security (biometrics options, software update practices), campus-wide comprehensive approaches to software and hardware updates, and IT integration strategies with U-M Flint, U-M Dearborn, and across the U-M campus.
 - Appreciation was shared for having a good mix of humanities and tech expertise on ITC this year.



Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
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