

## Senate Computing and Information Technology Committee

October 27, 2021 – 10:30 am

Room 717 CL by Zoom

Meeting ID: 928 3386 6702 Passcode: 620146

**Attending:** Ilia Murtazashvili, Mark Henderson, Stacie Gabriel, Michael Spring, Marty Levine, Irene Frieze, Ken Fish, Adam Hobough, Kenny Doty, Kimberly Phillips, Stephen Quigley, Douglas Fischer, Steve Belle, Susan Sereika, Dmitriy Babichenko, Shawn Brown, Gosia Fort, Vincent Arena, Drake Zhou

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes from the September 28th, 2021 meeting were approved as mailed.

- Confirm membership in university policy committee, computer access and use committee, and ITAC subcommittees
- Welcome Kimberly Phillips (Staff Council Representative)

Ilia Murtazashvili: Do we want to add something regarding diversity equity and inclusion to our mission statement? It was last revised in the fall of 2018 if we'd like to modify it.

Mark Henderson: I think a sentence or two to include this would be more than appropriate. I'd be happy to work on the language and revise the mission statement before the next meeting.

### Chair's Report:

- University Policy Committees
  - Networks
    - Martin Weiss, SCI,
    - David Salcido, Med,
    - **Kenny Doty, SCITC.**
  - Computer access and use.
    - Dimitri Babichenko, SCI,
    - Kevin Conley, SHRS,
    - **Michael Spring, SCITC.**
- SCITC Liaison with ITAC Subcommittees
  - Data Governance
    - **Michael Spring**
  - Security
    - **Douglas Fischer**

Michael Spring: The Data Governance Committee will report back to Mark and ITAC with recommendations (around 5 or 6) on its policy. I will make a report to this committee once we run it by Mark and ITAC. The Networks Committee and Computer Access and Use Committee have very old policies that need a lot of work. I will subsequent the links to the existing University policies via the chat and e-mail:

[https://www.policy.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Policies/01-Administrative\\_and\\_Organization/Policy\\_AO\\_10.pdf](https://www.policy.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Policies/01-Administrative_and_Organization/Policy_AO_10.pdf)

[https://www.policy.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Policies/01-Administrative\\_and\\_Organization/Policy\\_AO\\_38.pdf](https://www.policy.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Policies/01-Administrative_and_Organization/Policy_AO_38.pdf)

Kenny Doty: The Network Committee Policy is shaping up to being very liberal, just like the Computer Access Committee policy. We haven't met since the last SCITC meeting but it would be helpful to have some of the chairs attend a SCITC meeting once it's drafted.

Douglas Fischer: The ISS Committee didn't meet this month. At our last meeting we realized we needed to look at an over-arching policy before making smaller policies. The compliance of policy offices is working with us to benchmark our security policy by looking at other institutions. We're hoping to make progress by the November meeting.

### Pitt IT/CIO Report:

- Updates from
  - Chancellor Liaison Appointments for 2021-2022:
    - Mark Henderson (returning)
    - Steve Wisniewski (returning)
    - Shawn Brown, Vice Chancellor for Research Computing (new)
  - Updates from Isabel Lam, SGB representative and Drake Zhou, GPSG Student Representative

Ilia Murtazashvili: Everything is going smoothly with the box migration, Adam sent us an update prior this meeting.

Adam Hobaugh: There's an option to purchase a box contract if people chose to do so. It's \$100 per account per year and effective until August of 2023. This means they may need to pay consumer level prices afterwards since the University will no longer be in contract with them.

Ilia Murazashvili: Dropbox vs. OneDrive? A document outlining all of the information for people may be valuable.

Kenny Doty: <https://www.technology.pitt.edu/services/cloud-collaboration-box-and-onedrive>

Adam Hobaugh: OneDrive, Dropbox, and Box are all very similar. OneDrive is connected to and integrated to all of the offices products. We also have an enterprise level agreement with them and a variety of product trainings. There's also a cost associated with Dropbox which makes it less preferred (FYI, their free version isn't protected).

Mark Henderson: We have a whole cybersecurity organization that secures your information in OneDrive. I would encourage everyone to read the fine print carefully when choosing which platform you use and how your information is being stored.

Mark Henderson: The Faculty Town Hall is an opportunity to provide updates to our IT Vision and Strategy. It's an opportunity to share accomplishments and to hear from faculty members what's working and isn't working. Also, I've requested a formation of an IT Budget Committee so that we can maximize our budget expenditures. The University spent about 142M in 2020 on IT and less than half of that is spent by Pitt IT at present.

Irene Frieze: As new policies emerge relating to students having to be out of the classroom, it's hard to record lectures if there isn't the appropriate equipment in the classrooms. We're likely going to file a formal complaint to faculty assembly if this issue doesn't get resolved. Mark said he will report this to Cynthia Golden and her team.

Adam Hobaugh: I would recommend to collectively voice as faculty members what works best for you and your students. Irene suggested creating a joint statement between SCITC and Faculty assembly regarding this. Ilia said we can discuss this at our next SCITC meeting.

### **Town Hall Registration Information:**

#### **Faculty:**

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Nov 19, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://pitt.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckcu6urTsjGtZaaPW6fE\\_htRA-arii4QAF](https://pitt.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckcu6urTsjGtZaaPW6fE_htRA-arii4QAF)

#### **Staff:**

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Nov 16, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://pitt.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUufu2rqjluGdzQkchoOh5mH5-MYYs1LQPg>

### **Fall Meeting Schedule:**

- Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1:00pm-2:00pm

## Appendix – Revision of SCITC Mission Statement

Here is the current mission statement:

### COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### Mission Statement

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(Revised Fall/2018)

Here is one possible way to address DEI in the statement (this is just to get the conversation started):

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