UNM IT Research Technologies Advisory Board  
Minutes: Wednesday, April 25, 2018  
Scholes Hall Roberts Room  
1:00 – 2:30pm

Attendees: Patricia Henning, Adriana Vazquez, Shawn Berman, Barbara McCrady, Karl Benedict, Tito Busani, Mary Tsiongas, Jon Wheeler, Mark Servilla, Duane Arruti, Grace Faustino, Brian Pietrewicz, Walter Winegar-Valdes  
Acting Chair: Barbara McCrady  
Support: Emily Morelli

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| 1. Approval of Previous Minutes (March 2017)  
• Approved with edits.  
2. IT Procurement Process Proposed Changes (High-level) for Feedback  
• IT is collaborating with Purchasing with the goals of developing an efficient IT purchasing process, allowing for cost and risk avoidance, better communication, alignment of existing processes, and transparency with advisory and governance boards.  
• IT continues to compile a list of software on campus, to help with future purchasing needs.  
• Kirsten Martinez, Finance Director, Information Technologies and Chair, IT Finance Committee, explained existing procedures, and proposed that moving forward purchasers contact an ITO or UNM IT early in the purchasing process for assistance in getting security reviews completed and to look for opportunities and existing licenses/contracts in conjunction with Purchasing.  
• There was discussion about the concept of cost and risk avoidance as opposed to risk management. Concern expressed about employing a cost and risk avoidance tack included the potential for a tremendous bottleneck at the security assessment stage for nonstandard out-of-box pre-defined solutions, which in research, comprise the bulk of acquisitions. There was also concern about delaying purchasing in relation to relatively short grant timelines; any delays affect the ability to begin and complete work in the timeframe stated. DCIO Pietrewicz clarified that IT reviews software purchases for security purposes only if sensitive data is being processed to ensure it is handled properly. They do not do security reviews of hardware purchases. There was discussion about the potential impacts of CUI compliance on hardware purchases and technology control plans.  
• DCI Pietrewicz also explained that requests would not be stopped unless there was a security issue, and that alternatives and opportunities would be informational.  
3. Brief Update on Funding Committee Work  
• The funding model based on headcount previously shared with the board was not discussed among the Budget Leadership Team and subcommittees this year due to other priorities, so there will be no changes to the IT funding model in FY19. Currently, IT Finance is continuing to perform analysis of a headcount model compared to current IT costs, including the complexities of funding sources. Senior executive leadership supports a transition to a headcount funding model but a timeline has not been established. Ms. Martinez will return with more information as analysis is completed. |
4. Project Intake, Discussion and/or Escalations
   • The board discussed renewal of the Globus license. There is minimal current usage and CARC/IT do not recommend renewing, noting that if deployment of the research network as a service requires Globus in the future, it can be renewed at that time. CARC users can get by without it and may also buy individual licenses if desired. DCIO Pietrewicz noted that when the board reaches the point of prioritization, the Science DMZ & network will include a service model. Globus will be a separate entry and at that time, the board can evaluate how many licenses to purchase based on requests.
   • The board agreed not to renew the Globus license.

5. Data Center Outage (Brian Pietrewicz)
   • The Data Center Outage is still on track to occur on May 25-28. IT is currently working on insuring critical services with life-safety issues remain unaffected, as well as Lobomail. IT anticipates the center will be back up by late Saturday, but will continue advertising the outage as occurring through Monday. IT will continuously update the itpower.unm.edu website to list high-level services (Banner, Learn, etc.) that will be affected. Anyone concerned about a particular service may email itpower@unm.edu for assistance.

6. IT Governance Policy (Duane Arruti)
   • The policy is currently out for campus comment and is available on the Policy Office site for review (https://policy.unm.edu/under-review/university/d2560.html).

5. Research Committee Priority Setting for FY 18-19 based on Survey/Forum results – Committee
   • Grace Faustino reviewed the priorities listed in the dashboard (myit.unm.edu).
   • Jonathan Wheeler suggested that the list be reordered to reflect which projects are phases or subprojects.
   • Karl Benedict suggested prioritization of 1) CUI capacity and planning as a cross-cutting significant activity that requires a lot of support and consideration; 2) research data management; and 3) assessment of research needs/catalogue/intake process.
   • Next step include the convening of a subset of board members to score initiatives and bring to the full board for review, as is the process the other advisory boards are using. Priorities should reflect alignment with forum feedback.

Next Meeting: May 23, 2018 1:00-2:30pm Scholes Hall, Roberts Room