Faculty Senate
Report of Infrastructure Council on IT Issues
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In response to faculty complaints that IT decisions on campus have in the past been made without considering academic issues and faculty concerns, the Infrastructure Council discussed IT governance issues during its fall semester meetings. These discussions included input and presentations from a number of sources. The Council considered a number of alternative proposals on how to increase faculty governance on IT issues, such as independent committees or oversight by existing group. Given the complexity and diversity of IT issues on campus, we decided that the proposal you see here would be the best approach for ensuring that faculty participate in the IT decision-making process. As a result of input from the ITAC-Task Force after the last Senate meeting, I would like to make some changes to this proposal so that the Senate proposal does not conflict with the proposal from the IT Task Force.

Proposal on IT from the Faculty Senate

1. Given that IT issues are crucial to all academic pursuits of the University, every UF College or equivalent (e.g. FMNH, Library) should have in place an IT committee (or committees) that will oversee IT decisions within the college. These IT Advisory Committees will also serve an advisory role to University-wide IT committees (ITAC and its subcommittees (http://www.it.ufl.edu/committees/itac/). Membership of College IT Advisory Committee(s) should include ~~non-administrative faculty~~ IT users as well as IT providers.

2. Each ITAC Committee or equivalent and subcommittee should include in its membership at least one ~~non-administrative, tenured faculty member~~faculty IT user.

3. The Chair of the ITAC-AT will continue to serve on the Infrastructure Council and the CIO will continue to serve as a liaison to the council.

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