IT.21.13 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Information Technology

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on Information Technology (IT) during the 2020-2021 academic year. IT met on September 11, October 9, November 13, December 4, February 12, March 12 and April 9. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

I. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

IT.18.03, Qualtrics Licensing
The IT committee continued to advocate for the need for University-wide licensing for the Qualtrics survey research tool.

IT.21.01, COVID-19 Technology Status
This item was used throughout the year to discuss evolving technology needs and challenges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

IT.21.02, Privacy and Rokwire Follow-up
Chair Bohlmann updated the committee on outcomes of IT.20.05 and IT.20.06, calling for a broad privacy policy review and privacy oversight of the University’s implementation of Rokwire.

IT.21.03, New Ex Officios
New ex officio members from the University Library and NCSA were welcomed to the committee. Each of them presented on their activities related to technology services.

IT.21.04, Accessibility, Equity, and Privacy of Technology Investments during COVID-19
Privacy and accessibility concerns were raised by the members of the campus community and discussed within the IT committee, especially around the Proctorio online proctoring tool.

IT.21.05, Instructional Technology Needs for Spring 2021
CIO Greg Gulick asked for the IT committee’s input on what improvements could be made to physical classroom spaces to make them more usable during the pandemic.

IT.21.06, Illinois Compass Transition Plan
Vice Provost Kevin Pitts presented plans to transition from Blackboard to Canvas as the University’s learning management system. The existing Compass 2G system will be retired in the summer of 2022.
IT.21.07, Privacy Updates
Associate Director of Privacy Phil Reiter shared updates about privacy activities.

IT.21.08, Rokwire Governance
Deputy CIO Tracy Smith updated the IT committee on a new advisory committee for the University’s instances of the Rokware application.

IT.21.09, In Remembrance of Greg Gulick
The IT committee held a remembrance and moment of silence in memory of CIO Greg Gulick.

IT.21.10, Challenges and opportunities of 2021
Looking back at topics discussed during 2020-2021 and expected topics for 2021-2022, the IT committee discussed possible agenda items, areas of interest, and areas of concern.

IT.21.11, Updates from Research IT Services
Deputy CIO of Technology Services and Executive Associate Director of Engagement at NCSA John Towns provided an update on Research IT services.

IT.21.12, Collaboration Portfolio Advisory Group
Chris Tidrick, Vishal Sachdev, and Elaine Robbins discussed an effort to evaluate the portfolio of services and products that should be supported at the University to assist faculty, staff, and students in completing their work.

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