

Information Technology Committee

September 22, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Minutes

Opening

The meeting was called to order on September 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. by Mr. Eric Bt57n5n. Mr. Elijah Tid

Mr. Braxton Westbrook	Mr. Will Hoffert
Dr. Lenly Weathers	Mr. Matt Silva
Dr. Doug Bates	Mr. Cody Bryant
Dr. Susan Wells	Mr. David Hales
Mr. Chuck Roberts	Mr. Brandon Walls
Mr. John Smith, proxy for Ms. Elizabeth Williams	Mr. Jason Luna
Mr. Eric Brown (Chair)	Mr. John Woodard
Mr. Matt Smith	Mr. Shawn Albro
Dr. Jason Beach	Mr. Joseph Cross
Dr. Mohan Rao	Mr. Ben Burchfield
Dr. Curtis Armstrong	Ms. Susan Lomax
Dr. Jeannette Luna	Absent
Mr. Ben Stubbs	Dr. Kumar Yelamarthi
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Mr. Greg Holt
Dr. Sandra Smith-Andrews	
Dr. Mark Stephens	

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Lisa Zagumny and seconded by Mr. Braxton Westbrook. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Dr. Lisa Zagumny and seconded by Mr. Braxton Westbrook. Motion passed.

Mr. Brian Seiler, Associate Vice President of Information Technology Services Introduction

Mr. Brian Seiler provided a brief introduction as the newly hired Associate Vice President (AVP) of Information Technology Services (ITS). Mr. Brian Seiler, AVP of ITS, stated that he received his Master's Degree from Eastern Illinois University in Technology and has over twenty-five (25) years of experience in IT and higher education. Mr. Brian Seiler clarified that most of his experience was at the University of Illinois until most recently at Princeton University, where he worked in research computing. Mr. Brian Seiler, AVP of ITS, commented that IT is a technology tool instead of a hurdle to support our students, faculty, and administration.

Mr. Brian Seiler, AVP of ITS, stated that ITS is rebuilding and we have new staff to introduce. We have a new introduction with our new Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) in just a few minutes. Mr. Brian Seiler, AVP of ITS, asked everyone to see this as an opportunity for change and to be patient as we determine where we are, how we got here, and how to move forward. Mr. Brian Seiler, AVP of ITS, reiterated that despite the turnovers, we have a great team in ITS, and good things are happening. Mr. Brian Seiler, AVP of ITS, wanted to thank Matt Smith for doing a fantastic job as interim Executive Director of ITS and trying to straddle two positions.

Mr. Brian Seiler, AVP of ITS, also took a quick opportunity to introduce some staff members who have stepped up to fill leadership voids. Mr. Brandon Walls is our Assistant Director of Systems, and Mr. David Hales our Assistant Director of Network Operations.

Mr. Jason Luna, Chief Information Security Officer Introduction

Mr. Jason Luna provided a brief introduction as the new Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). Mr. Jason Luna stated that he came to Tennessee Tech after spending twenty-one (21) years in the United States Army. Mr. Jason Luna confirmed some things that Mr. Brian Seiler, AVP of ITS, stated about looking forward to doing some good work and making some good changes.

Select Members for Sub Committee

TAF Spending Plan Sub-Committee

- Mr. Brian Seiler, AVP of ITS
- Mr. Will Hoffert
- Dr. Susan Wells
- Dr. Julie Stepp
- Mr. Matt Smith

Emeritus Email

Dr. Jeannette Luna first wanted to welcome Mr. Brian Seiler, our new CIO, and Mr. Jason Luna, our new CISO. Dr. Jeannette Luna stated she wanted to bring up a topic that is discussed almost annually and hopes for a fresh start on this topic. Dr. Jeannette Luna said that when a faculty retires, not every retired faculty becomes an Emeritus professor. Dr. Jeannette Luna went on to clarify that receiving an Emeritus status is a long process with approvals from Deans up to the Provost. Granting Emeritus status is a way for Tennessee Tech to thank faculty for their service and tenure. Dr. Jeannette Luna stated that the process requires the person to be affiliated with Tennessee Tech University, such as research projects. Dr. Jeannette Luna noted that the policy that governs Emeritus is policy 219. Dr. Jeannette Luna said she wanted to bring this to the committee because the policy states that the university will provide library privileges but doesn't specifically address email accounts.

Dr. Jeannette Luna stated in some cases, there could be a situation where faculty is awarded Emeritus status, but the department has elected not to pay for them to continue having their email. Dr. Jeannette Luna stated if we want them to continue having email, whether they are Emeritus or retired, as department chair, they must fill out a form each year and pay the \$120 cost. Dr. Jeannette Luna stated it would be nice if ITS and Academic Affairs could work together to maybe correct policy 219 to find a way to award library privileges. Dr. Jeannette Luna confirmed the policy was 219, section B, with the title of Faculty Library Privileges.

Dr. Jeannette Luna stated that she gets a lot of questions about why departments must pay the cost to continue the email. Dr. Jeannette Luna confirmed that she and Matt Smith had discussed this prior and understands there is a cost that comes out of her operating cost.

Mr. Matt Smith confirmed that the charges are associated with our Microsoft and security licensing costs. We are passing the cost for those continued email accounts. Mr. Matt Smith stated that when the faculty member resigns and is replaced, continuing the email account requires an additional license to be issued.

Dr. Curtis Armstrong stated that he believes the cost should be itemized to demonstrate the parallel between the total cost.

Dr. Jeannette Luna commented that she would like this explained in more detail to the campus, especially the Chairs. Dr. Jeannette Luna stated that she had a faculty member ask if they needed to donate to pay for their email account, and her response was no, that is something we cover for you.

Dr. Mohan Rao stated that he still has his email address from his previous institution. Dr. Mohan Rao went on to say that that is email accofaos1(l. DJ0 s4t)-5.(guepre)-5.8.0001 T6284007 Tw(d)-5.4(Academic top

clarified that their operating budget is not meant to cover all these things, and they add up over time.

Other Items

None

Adjournment

There being no other items, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Matt Smith and seconded by Dr. Lisa Zagumny at 12:00 p.m.