Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC)

Purpose

The Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC) serves as a strategic body to guide the direction and governance of the University's information technology (IT) initiatives. Its purpose is to ensure alignment with the University's mission, goals, and priorities while fostering an environment of innovation, security, and efficiency in technology use.

Responsibilities

1. **Strategic Direction** - Establish and guide the strategic direction for information technology, ensuring alignment with the University's overall mission and strategic planning process.
2. **Review and Prioritization** - Evaluate and prioritize major information technology initiatives, including projects related to Temple's Collaboration Centers, ensuring that resource acquisition strategies are in place and aligned with the University's goals.
3. **Policy Governance** - Review and provide input into IT policies to ensure a framework of authority, accountability, and responsibility related to information and technology.
4. **Optimization of IT Resources** - Provide guidance on opportunities for leveraging technology, optimizing the use of University IT resources, and minimizing redundancy or unsustainable services.
5. **Risk and Compliance Management** - Address technology-related risks by advising on information security policies and procedures, ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
6. **Governance Framework Administration** - Oversee the IT governance framework by setting priorities and considering their recommendations to promote effective decision-making.
7. **Communication** - Effectively communicate Council decisions and initiatives to the University community to ensure transparency and awareness.

Membership and Structure
The ITAC will consist of the following positions:
1. Vice President for Information Technology, serving as Chair
2. ITS Project Manager Office (PMO) Director, serving as Secretary
3. Vice President for Research
4. Vice President for Student Affairs
5. Vice President for Finance
6. Vice President for Strategic Marketing and Communications
7. Senior Advisor to the Provost
8. Three Representative Deans
9. Chief Compliance Officer
10. University Counsel, as legal advisor to the council

Meetings

The Council will meet quarterly to review progress, discuss new initiatives, and make recommendations to senior leadership.

The Vice President/Chair will provide the Provost with quarterly updates on the ITAC's prioritization and recommendations to ensure alignment with the university's strategic plan and goals.

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