

**CoALS Technology Leadership Council**  
**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

<b>Members</b>			
<b>Alan Kurk</b> (CIO/Director AIT)	<b>Tim Ramsey</b> <b>Designated Chair</b> (Assoc Dir AIT)	<b>Kerry Pickens</b> (Technology Compliance Committee & Technology Security Committee)	<b>Barry Stratta</b> (Enterprise Technology Committee)
<b>Josh Wand</b> (Department Head)	<b>Keith Wicker</b> (CISO)	<b>Gene Curtiss</b> (Enterprise Technology Committee)	<b>Aaron Rodriguez</b> (Manager Service Area 2)
<b>Ronald Lacey</b> (Biological & Agricultural Engineering)	<b>Kurt Zhang</b> (Department of Nutrition, Texas A&M AgriLife)		

Also in Attendance:

Alex Guess, Business Coordinator III  
 Sarah Hoving, IT Governance Coordinator

**Item 1: Approval of Minutes**

Description: Review and approval of minutes from 3-29-2021 meeting.

- Approved

**Item 2: Announcements**

Description: Note relevant information from available reports as applicable.

- A. Computer Advisory Team Update (Tim Ramsey) – No announcements
- B. TAMU IT
  - Aaron Rodriquez attends
  - Nothing new that pertains to the college at the moment
- C. System IT Updates
  - Tim- Touchnet is going away and being replaced
  - Alan
    - Deprecating WebEx by August 31st
    - Everyone is getting kicked off Syncplicity for the end of the year

**Item 3: Services Consolidation Project**

Description: General updates about what we are currently doing and what we have planned for domain migration for the College of Ag

What we are currently doing

- A lot of testing and training of the internal IT Staff to ensure we execute the engagement correctly for the customer
- Right now we are scheduling Ag Leadership and Ag Education to start June 7<sup>th</sup> - 75 users designated to be migrated (migrate services from TAMU/AGLS services to AgNet)
  - Shared migration schedule
    - <https://firstcallhelp.tamu.edu/knowledge-base/ait-unified-environment-overview/#migration-schedule-for-departments>
- We are removing TAMU IT out of the equation for providing services, we do not have to get entangled with them as a third party

**Item 4: ARC (AgriLife Research Cloud)**

Description: Updates about what we are currently doing and what we have planned

- More details on website below:
  - <https://firstcallhelp.tamu.edu/arc>
- Alex Guess is the business manager for AgriLife Research Cloud Service Center ([alex.guess@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:alex.guess@ag.tamu.edu))
- Closing the gap for managed IT Services for researchers in their research programs
  - Users are provided with policy and compliance, risk and security services as if they were a college department (provide assessments, complete the internal audits and reviews, inform the PI of what they should be doing/what are their exceptions)

- ARC Service Center can accept Federal Funds but cannot accept State Funds
  - We are confirming that we are on the agenda to be approved as a service center for AgriLife Research in order to accept State funding. Will not be determined until the next Board of Regents meeting
- Researchers need large data storage
  - Gene Curtiss works with ARC Service Center and is investigating how much a per terabyte/per year for long term storage costs

**Item 5: Governance Committee Reports**

Description: Recap of each governance committee meetings found in minutes posted on governance page

<https://firstcallhelp.tamu.edu/knowledge-base/coals-it-governance/>

- Enterprise Technology Committee (ETC) - Barry Stratta
- Technology Security Committee (TSC) – Kerry Pickens
  - Back into the Risk Assessment season
- Technology Compliance Committee (TCC) – Kerry Pickens

**Item 6: Action Items**

- A. Appropriation of funds, Enterprise Technology Committee
  - a. \$100,000 to spend that helps benefit the students around the college. Something the college benefits from as a whole
  - b. Ex: Teaching tools, aids, etc.

**Item 7: Closing**

Description: Adjourn meeting on time noting actions and conclusions of meeting.

Next meeting will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10 a.m.