

CoALS Enterprise Technology Committee
January 18th
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Attendance:

Members			
X Barry Stratta X - Chair (Software Applications)	Jeff Wythe – Co Chair (Systems Administrator III)	X Tim Ramsey X (Associate Director of IT)	Russell Feagin
Aaron Rodriguez (Manager Service Area 2)	Mitchell Morgan (Manager Service Area 3)	Robert Hardin (Biological & Agricultural Engineering)	Sarah Hoving (IT Governance Coordinator)

Also in Attendance:

Minutes

Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Description: Approval of last month's minutes

<https://firstcallhelp.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Enterprise-Technology-Committee-Minutes-April-20th-1.pdf>

Item 2: Governance Committee Reports

Description: Note relevant information from available reports as applicable.

- Reiterating purpose of ETC for new members- looking for stuff that benefits across the college broadly, technologies that might be out of scope financially and technically for one department or even two departments to consider

Item 3: IT Notifications

- AIT News:
- <https://firstcallhelp.tamu.edu/knowledge-base/agrilife-it-news/>

Item 4: New Business / Special Topics

Description: New Proposals / Updates from Committee

- Biggest issue is computer labs for the departments- labs are outdated, how can we care and feed these labs in the best way possible, how to make them efficient and cost effective
 - Option is a bring your own device deal. Looking at virtual desktop environment, but the idea would be that whether you were on campus off campus, you could just sit down, get on the TAMU Wi-Fi and connect into the infrastructure- would work no matter if you had a Mac or Windows computer.
 - Similar to VLC, virtual Open Access Lab which is currently trying to provide every app in the world and not so concerned with performance and how well it runs. Idea would be to be more narrowly focused
 - A problem is getting licensing for Adobe stuff
 - Working on hiring staff that would work on these labs
- Russell Feagin mentioned the idea of research professor program labs

Item 5: Action Item Summary

Description: List of action items, assignee, objective, due date.

- talk to peers at other universities or within the university about their IT functions in order to bring in freshness. Our queue is empty. Need some ideas

Item 6: Close

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

Next meeting: 3rd Tuesday of February at 2 p.m.