

**CoALS Technology Leadership Council**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**2:30 p.m.\***

**Attendance:**

<b>Members</b>			
X Alan Kurk X (CIO/Director AIT)	Tim Ramsey Designated Chair (Assoc Dir AIT)	Keith Wicker (CISO)	Barry Stratta (Enterprise Technology Committee)
X Josh Wand X (Department Head)	X Gene Curtiss X (Enterprise Technology Committee)	Sarah Hoving (IT Governance Coordinator)	Aaron Rodriguez (Manager Service Area 2)
Ryan McAllister (IT Manager II)	Kurt Zhang (Department of Nutrition, Texas A&M AgriLife)	Patricia Klein (Executive Associate Dean)	X Adrienne L. Brundage X

**Also in Attendance:**

Alex Guess, Business Coordinator III  
 Jake Baumann, Senior IT Professional I  
 Robert G Hardin, Assistant Professor

## Minutes

**Item 1: Approval of Minutes**

Description: Review and approval of minutes from January meeting

**Item 2: Announcements**

Description: Note relevant information from available reports as applicable.

- A. TAMU IT/ITAC- Aaron Rodriguez
  - Most of the focus has been on their reorganization at the moment, beginning of March is when things kick off (titles redistributed, organizational changes)
  - Still in meeting phases to figure out what they are going to do and exactly how

**Item 3: Departmental IT Services Migration**

Description: General updates and closure of IT Services Migration Project- Tim Ramsey

- Project is closed, everyone that was scheduled to be migrated has been contacted to migrate
- For those that had not been migrated, we have moved their mailboxes
- Next phase after this is moving any resources/systems off of AGLS into Agnet

**Item 4: Teaching Labs & Classrooms**

Description: General updates and discussion for departmental teaching labs and classrooms across the college. - Tim Ramsey.

- Jake Bauman- IT manager for Teaching Labs & Classrooms
  - Getting a scope and working with Instructional Media Services (IMS) to understand what the needs are
- Approval of ALEC request: **Approved by TLC**
  - Have a request for funds to upgrade teaching space, requests around \$10,000 (for new hardware)
- Approval of RPTS request: **Approved by TLC**
  - Have a request for funds to upgrade distance learning space where instructors can do live classroom in smaller space, requests around \$10,000 (to create studio space)

**Item 5: Researchers IT Services Migration**

Description: General updates and discussion about what we are currently doing and what we have planned for Researchers IT Services Migration for AgriLife Research in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - Tim Ramsey

- In the process of hiring of new IT Project Manager
- Project is currently on hold

**Item 6: AIT Project Information and Services Metric Portal**

Description: This portal will allow AgriLife employees to access details about all active IT projects, including the latest in news related to project initiatives, and a calendar of

planned events related to those projects.

- <https://agnettamu0.sharepoint.com/sites/AIT-ProjectPortal?e=1%3A8aa36a31c52a4b9ab959befc41d9c41e>
  - Can only be accessed using Agnet ID
  - Gives update of projects across college and AgriLife IT that we are currently working on, link will show project news/important events

**Item 7:**

**Department IT Committees**

Description:

Proposal for CoALS departments to form internal IT Governance committees to gather tactical and strategic feedback from faculty and staff

- BAEN has a faculty/staff IT committee where they discuss IT needs, Dr Hardin is chair for this. Created a channel where faculty and staff can bring concerns. They can bring these concerns to the council
- This should be done with all departments willing to participate, AgriLife IT wants to know what departments need in IT.
  - Departments no longer have their own IT people so this could be extremely helpful
- Will be presented to department heads on Monday (2/28), council will be updated next month

**Item 8:**

**Recommendations for Approval from CoALS Committees**

Description:

Governance committee meetings found in minutes posted on governance page <https://firstcallhelp.tamu.edu/knowledge-base/coals-it-governance/>

- Technology Security and Compliance Committee – Keith Wicker
  - N/A
- Enterprise Technology Committee – Barry Stratta
  - Shared class between Animal Science and BioBio. Had a previous proposal/recommendation to use allocated student fee funds to support the purchase of two additional servers to function as compute nodes in the CPT Galaxy-Apollo cluster.
    - They have a server that provides a system for graduate level class which allows them to actually do the class. System is old and needs to be upgraded. Cost up to \$30,000 to upgrade
    - Don't need to approve until May because they do not want to mess with the server until semester is over

**Item 9:**

**Additional CoALS IT Council Member Motions**

- N/A

**Item 10:**

**Action Items for CoALS IT Council Members**

1. Read over ETC proposal (CPT Galaxy-Apollo Cluster)- linked in MS teams chat
  - a. Will be presented at next months meeting for a vote

**Item 11:**

**Closing**

Description:

Adjourn meeting on time noting actions and conclusions of meeting.

Next meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of March 2022 at 10 a.m.