

**CoALS Technology Leadership Council**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.\***

**Attendance:**

Members			
Alan Kurk (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 Rodriquez (Manager Service Area 2)
Ryan McAllister (IT Manager II)	Kurt Zhang (Department of Nutrition, Texas A&M AgriLife)	X Patricia Klein X (Executive Associate Dean)	Adrienne L. Brundage
Alex Guess (Business Coordinator III)	Jake Bauman (Senior IT Professional I)	Robert G. Hardin (Assistant Professor)	Kathrin A. Dunlap (Assistant Professor & Associate Department Head-Animal Science)
Amy S. Carwile (Senior Administrative Coordinator I- Animal Science)			

## Minutes

### **Item 1: Approval of Minutes**

Description: Review and approval of minutes from February meeting.

- Minutes approved

### **Item 2: Announcements**

Description: Note relevant information from available reports as applicable.

- A. TAMU IT/ITAC – Aaron Rodriguez
  - a. Next Generation Aggie Network is coming
    - i. Completely redoing the network across campus from scratch
  - b. VoIP
    - i. There are multiple systems are in use across the university and trying to consolidate to one platform.
    - ii. Teams phone has been the most liked after they have done research

### **Item 3: Classrooms & Teaching Labs**

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

- Email was sent out to committee members with CAF Funding Requests PDFs
- CAF (Computer Access Fee) Funding Requests
  - BAEN
    - Computers are 4+ years old, but a handful are still under warranty.
    - Jake suggests that him and his team fix things under warranty but wait to satisfy request till after all the others currently in line.
  - ANSC
    - Jake Baumann recommends this needs to be funded first
    - Requested to replace an undergrad lab in the Kleburg building
    - 20 lab computers, 1 instructor computers, new projector (all of which haven't been touched on since the pandemic). Half of lab is completely unfunctional or out of warranty
    - Hundreds of students take required classes that use this lab
  - RWFM
    - Jake mentions this request should be approved but action will be taken after ANSC's request
    - They want to broadcast dissections in microscope, not able to do this and display for students. They currently have to have students come up one by one and look through microscope

- AGECE
  - Room is not used as often; students often bring own devices so Jake Baumann recommended to hold off on satisfying their request till after ANSC and RWFM
- Motion to Approve or Reject
  - Requests are all approved
    - Priority- start in ANSC, then RWFM, AGECE, and BAEN

**Item 4: 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

- New IT Project Manager: Anthony Miles
  - Strong project management background
  - Should be here next month

**Item 5: CoALS Department IT Committees**

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

- Trying to establish, in each department, a Department Technology Committee
  - Its been very effective in BAEN. Has been able to bring together faculty and staff in the department, gather agenda items, and get these items up into governance so conversation can be started to involve leadership and admin. Get consensus and buy-in
- Introduction of Dr. Tim Murphy, ALEC

**Item 6: ADS File Server Decommission**

Description: Updates on decommission of ADS file server

- There were two file servers AGLS and ADS
  - ADS is owned by TAMU IT, we were being charged over \$75,000 a year for file storage services
  - Storage solution is free with license with Microsoft

**Item 7: AGLS Domain Decommission**

Description: Updates on decommission of AGLS domain

- Working on decommissioning AGLS domain, no reason for it when we have Ag net.
- Will be at least a year project to get that done

**Item 8: Introduction to Inventory Dashboard**

- This issue needs to be communicate in the departments
  - 60% of staff computer systems/devices across departments in college are not capable of supporting Windows 11
  - TAMU IT said they will block any system that is not upgraded to Windows 11 by October of 2025
  - Means we have 3 years to get these systems updated and capable of

going to Windows 11

- Need departments to start tracking this and find out what their current situation is and what budget is needed to have these systems upgraded. Look at dashboard and start identifying which systems need this
- Available at the TechBuy site located at <https://techbuy.agrilife.org/dashboard/>
- We will have updated data on the application in our next newsletters to show progress from previous month across the organization in terms of replacements of systems. The link to the portal will be presented in all AgriLife IT communications up until October 2025 when Windows 10 operating system will be no longer supported.

**Item 9:**

**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/>

- No recommendations as committees did not meet this month

**Item 10:**

**Additional CoALS IT Council Member Motions**

- N/A

**Item 11:**

**Action Items for CoALS IT Council Members**

- Will move forward with CAF Funds Requests

**Item 12:**

**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 April 2022 at 10 a.m.