ITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ITSAC)

OVERVIEW

The ITS Advisory Committee is responsible for providing advice on university-wide IT policy and service issues. This committee meets regularly to provide advice to the Provost, the Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, and the CIO on Yale's information technology policies, strategies, priorities, and services in support of faculty and students.

OBJECTIVES

ITSAC serves as the foremost faculty-led committee with relationship to ITS. The committee serves to provide feedback to ITS on existing and future services, including both strategic initiatives and the annual project portfolio.

ITSAC consists of a team of faculty and staff to:

- Advise the University CIO
- Provide independent thinking and feedback
- Serve as a sounding board for new initiatives.

The membership also provides a functional breadth of knowledge around the following:

- Faculty research needs
- Teaching and Learning needs and directions
- Specific disciplinary knowledge.

Areas of focus for ITSAC include, but are not limited to:

- Strategic technology directions
- The strategic role of technology in the teaching and learning mission of the University
- The critical role of technology in support of research and scholarship
- Particular issues on which the Provost, VP for Finance and Business Operations, or the University CIO seeks advise.

2016-2017 MEMBERS

Faculty Appointed Chair:
Helen Caines, Faculty, Physics

Sarab Al Ani, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

Jack Callahan, Senior Vice President for Operations and Interim Chief Information Officer

Nicholas Christakis, Sociology

John Everhart, School of Architecture

Paul Forscher, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Susan Gibbons, University Librarian

E. Kevin Hall, Cardiology

Limor Peer, Social and Political Studies

Vijay Menta, Information Technology Services

Paul McKinley, Director, Strategic Communications, Yale College

Ruth Montgomery, School of Medicine

Andrew Szymkowiak, Physics and Astrophysics

Andrew Taylor, Emergency Medicine

Susan West, Information Technology Services

Laura Wexler, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Hongyu Zhao, School of Public Health

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Responsibilities

ITSAC receives regular updates from the University CIO on various existing and future technology needs, ideas, and issues facing the university community. These thoughts and comments are collected and background material is provided to the committee prior to each meeting.

ITSAC also identifies areas where ITS attention may be warranted. Finally, ITSAC reviews a final draft of the annual technology portfolio recommendation and endorses the portfolio before it is presented to the University Officers for review and allocation approval.

The role of the Chair will be:

- Overall communication to the committee members
- Prioritization and planning monthly and annual agenda topics
- Calling and leading regular meetings as necessary.

Composition

The committee membership should be diverse and represent the larger University faculty and administrative community.

As a team ITSAC members shall demonstrate:

- Diversity of disciplinary backgrounds including at least one member from Arts & Humanities, Physical Sciences and Engineering, Social Sciences, the Professional Schools
- Varied perspectives
- Willingness to engage and transform.

Frequency

ITSAC will meet once per month during the following months:

October
November
December
January
February
March
April
May

Member Duration

Members are identified by the Provost to serve for a one-year term at the beginning of each academic year. Members may serve multiple terms.

The Chair of ITSAC generally serves a multi-year term.