

02/14/22

## Technology Advisory Committee Mtg. Minutes

### Members\Attendees:

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| ✓ Aronson, Jason   | ○ Groppi, Kelly         | ✓ Nordin, Chris     |
| ✓ Cecil, Jesse     | ○ Gross, Kent           | ✓ Perlas, Char      |
| ✓ Collins, Josh    | ○ Haugen, Doug          | ✓ Rexford, Nathan   |
| ○ Coughlin, Nancy  | ✓ Klever, Mark          | ✓ Walton, Patrick   |
| ✓ Donaldson, Matt  | ✓ Kuhlemann, Anne-Marie | ✓ Witherell, Meghan |
| ○ Fernandez, Maria | ○ Melby, Darlene        |                     |

### Visitors - Zogotech:

- ✓ Christina Sorrells, Sales Rep
- ✓ Michael Taft, CEO and Founder

### Zogotech Implementation Project Proposal

Dr. Perlas gave a brief introduction to the Zogotech Implementation project. Dr. Perlas introduced the presenters. Michael Taft and Christina Sorrells gave a demonstration of their software solution.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

- Patrick asked how difficult it is to create a new report. Michael demonstrated pre-built reports and how users can create modified versions of existing reports as well as creating a new report from scratch.
- Meghan asked where degree requirements information come from? Michael explained that, while they do integrate with DegreeWorks to some degree, this has to be scribed into their program.
- Chris asked how we can trace the data presented back to its original source. Michael explained that they have a data dictionary that defines 'data lineage.'
- Nathan emphasized the value of a solution like this is in light of the very limited resources and turnover we experience in both IT and IR.

Once the vendor left the meeting, there was further discussion.

- Patrick asked about how effective this solution would be if there is bad data. Nathan replied that this would help clarify and resolve issues that may exist with bad data.
- Matt mentioned that there were two items that raised some concern about this solution. First is the answer that was given in response to Meghan's question. This made him wonder how many other areas lack the ability to pull existing data so that it has to be manually entered. Second is the fact that they use ODBC as their method of connecting to our systems, which is two-decade old technology. Nathan agreed and suggested that improving these deficiencies would be essential for the vendor to maintain their existing client list.
- Chris asked whether this could or would replace Argos. Nathan explained that Argos will still be needed for producing data that needs to be manipulated on the back-end but that it certainly would replace it as management-level reporting tool.

- Josh asked about the approval path going forward. Matt thought the next step would be IPB. Josh suggested it be presented to the constituent groups as well, which Dr. Perlas will consider.
- Josh also asked about funding sources. Dr. Perlas clarified that the initial rollout would be funded by the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) grant. As to recurring funding, Nathan noted that, while there certainly is a case to be made for district funding, he also thought there were several grants, such as Strong Workforce, that could also be used.

There was consensus to proceed with this project.

### **Vision Resource Center Integration Discussion**

Matt Donaldson gave a brief explanation of what the Visual Resource Center (VRC) is and enumerated the potential benefits of integrating our web site with it. He explained that funding for this integration would be provided by the Chancellor's Office but only if we began the process immediately. Meghan agreed that there are a lot of positive benefits to the VRC that would be amplified by integration. Nathan added that the benefits of SSO would increase utilization of this tool. Josh asked about IT's perspective. Matt indicated that, with Debbie Goltz assigned to administer the solution going forward, the cost of time to be implemented would be justified by the benefits of integration. There was consensus to proceed with this initiative.

### **Postponed for the Next Meeting Due to Time Constraints**

- Canvas Studio Initiative Proposal
- 4CIS Participation

### **Future Meetings**

Matt Donaldson briefly raised the challenge of insufficient time to discuss everything within the committee's purview and the need to determine how to handle this challenge without extending the length of meetings. He asked everyone to think of ways to address this issue.