

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

IT & DATA GOVERNANCE – IT ARCHITECTURE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CHARTER

MAY 2019

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the IT Architecture & Infrastructure Committee (ITAIC) is to identify and prioritize core IT services, such as data and voice networks, data storage, administrative computing infrastructure, applications and security issues. Fostering communication across these areas will help to improve understanding of the shared infrastructure, as well as facilitate campus-wide input on architecture and infrastructure issues, such as the need for minimum network speeds and other standards. This committee will also create long-term master plans and roadmaps that include new initiatives, upgrades and retirement of solutions that are no longer needed.

Technology architecture and infrastructure is not isolated to one area of the University. Instead, it is shared and must be governed with input from representatives from across campus in order to share the responsibility and accountability for the seamless delivery of IT services to campus. These representatives can be described as “embedded technical” resources that provide services and support faculty, researchers or staff in their respective colleges, schools and administrative offices. Therefore, participation by these representatives is key to the success of the IT Architecture and Infrastructure Committee.

The committee will make and receive recommendations to and from the Operational IT and Data Committee.

**MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP:**

Meets: Monthly/as needed

Chair: Associate CIO Infrastructure

Members:

- Associate CIO, Infrastructure
- Assistant CIO, School of Medicine
- Chief Information Security Officer
- 1 Representative from Faculty Senate
- Embedded Technical Staff from across UTRGV

**DECISIONS**

Members will vote to make decisions regarding approval of projects and other topics. Majority rule will be the standard process used. In the case of a tie that cannot be resolved at the committee level, the Operational IT & Data Committee will be asked to break the tie.

**SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Establish technical architecture standards.
- Select standard tools.
- Establish vendor criteria for interoperability.
- Identify best practices.

- Make policy recommendations.
- Recommend project priorities.
- Recommend funding allocations.
- Determine criteria for measuring cost-benefits, project success, etc.
- Determine training and development programs needed to make the most effective use of technology.