

2022-2023

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Date:** November 15, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Stephens Conference Room

**Present:** Brendon Beal, George Lytle, Steve Peters, Sheila Brandt, Amanda Fox, Wesley Hallman, Jerome Dean, Alyssa Luna Green, Barbara Ann Lewis, Tomeiko Scott, Joe Walsh, Jordan Dacus.

**Absent:** Cassie Raulston, Kathy Adams, Marcus Lane, Shafqat Shad, Alicia Smith, Josh Miller, Tim Nash.

**Guest(s):** Kira Thomas

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting (04/12/2022) were approved.
3. Joe Walsh introduced himself as UM's new chief information officer (CIO) and provided a brief overview of his background. *Note: Walsh presided over this meeting in the expected absence of the council's two co-chairs.*
4. It was determined that Josh Miller would continue to serve as co-chair (staff). However, the council needs to elect a co-chair (faculty) to replace Carolyn Garrity and a secretary to replace Susan Hayes. Brendon Beal volunteered to serve as co-chair (faculty) but there were no volunteers for secretary. Joe Walsh agreed to solicit volunteers from those members not in attendance.
5. The TAC membership roster was reviewed, and it was noted that Abigail Adams had stepped down and a replacement has already been identified to serve as the residential student representative.
6. IS&T Updates
  - a. Account Lockouts: Joe Walsh reported that about 30 to 40 users, including students, staff, and faculty, are experiencing account lockouts because of ongoing web-bot attacks. He indicated that the attacks posed no probable threat due to current security measures but that they were very frustrating for those affected. He indicated that the Solution Center can unlock locked accounts remotely upon identity verification. Internal IS&T measures have also been implemented to minimize the effect of the attacks.
  - b. Website Redesign: Kira Thomas, as co-chair of the Website Redesign Committee, provided details on the new UM website redesign project. The anticipated timeline to completion is approximately two years. The project will be managed by a Steering Committee, a more comprehensive Website Redesign Committee, and multiple subcommittees focusing on discrete aspects of the project.
  - c. New IT Strategic Plan: The 2017-2022 Information Technology (IT) strategic plan has concluded, and the creation and implementation of the forthcoming IT strategic plan will begin this spring. All stakeholders across campus will have an opportunity to participate in this process.
  - d. Computer Refresh: The next phase of the computer refresh cycle has begun and IS&T is in the preliminary stages of managing the retrieval of older computers and distributing newer ones. Anticipated improvements in the supply chain may increase the diversity of devices and configurations available.

## 7. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Academic Support: Barbara Ann Lewis updated the council on the following learning space renovations:

2022 Upgrades (Delayed because of supply-chain issues but scheduled to be completed by before the start of the spring 2023 semester):

- Humanities Hall 208
- Harman 221
- Davis 109
- Davis 215

Russ Grant Upgrades (Delayed because of supply-chain issues but scheduled to be completed by before the start of the spring 2023 semester):

- Wills 201 and 122
- Block 205

2023 Upgrades (Rooms voted on and requested for technology upgrades by the Academic Support Committee). Number of rooms dependent on funding:

- Humanities Hall 108
- Davis 305
- Morgan 103 and 105
- Ramsey 106

- b. Digital Communications: Wesley Hallman reported that the DCC was drafting text concerning social media account access and password sharing to add to the university web presence policy, with the goal to implement by end of 22-23 academic year. Once text has been drafted and approved by the DCC, it will be shared with TAC for approval. This policy will require multiple individuals to have access to departmental/divisional social media accounts and ensure that the password information is retained by the institution during the HR exit interview process if the employee was managing a social media account.
- c. Executive: No report.
- d. Policy and Procedures: No report.
- e. Projects and Planning: No report.
- f. University Operations: No report.

8. Esports Team Update: Brendon Beal acknowledge the valuable support of IS&T in the establishment and ongoing support of UM's esports program. Additionally, he announced that Brandon Parramore was recently hired as the program's head coach and that he would now serve as assistant coach.
9. Joe Walsh was asked to conduct a poll at the beginning of spring semester to determine the best day and time for spring TAC meetings.
10. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

