29.01.01 Information Resources Governance

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Regulation Statement

This regulation supplements System Policy *29.01, Information Resources,* and provides members of The Texas A&M University System (system) with a governance model to oversee responsible administration of system information resources. The system chief information officer (SCIO), in consultation with member chief executive officers (CEO), is responsible for ensuring appropriate procedures and programs are implemented to safeguard computer systems, networks and data and mitigation risks that may compromise information integrity, availability and confidentiality.

Reason for Regulation

This regulation provides the authorization and guidance for the operational oversight and implementation of processes to effectively promote efficient and effective use of information resources among the various system entities.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. GENERAL

   The SCIO and member chief information officers (CIOs) will work together to ensure that information resources expenditures are efficient and serve to improve system services. The SCIO and member CIOs will also work together to ensure that information technology procurements sourced by research funds can be supported by member information technology.

2. SCIO APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES

   Subject to a delegation of purchasing authority approved in accordance with this regulation, the SCIO shall approve member information resources procurements that equal or exceed $250,000.

3. SYSTEM INFORMATION RESOURCES COUNCIL (COUNCIL)

   3.1 The purpose of the Council is to assist the SCIO by providing recommendations regarding issues within the SCIO's responsibility. Assistance provided by the Council will include providing recommendations in the following areas:

   (a) best source(s) of information technology hardware, software and services;

   (b) reduction of non-productive redundancy across the system;

(c) consolidation of resources including networks, hardware, systems and applications;

(d) improving the security of the system's technology infrastructure;

(e) thresholds for delegations of purchasing authority to member CEOs; and,

(f) review of proposed interfaces with core business applications such as system human resources, payroll or accounting systems (e.g., BPP and FAMIS).

3.2 The Council may form sub-committees to conduct research and will report findings and recommendations to the Council.

3.3 Specialists, such as the member information security officers (ISOs), may be included in sub-committees to provide advice when needed.

3.4 Council Governance Structure

3.4.1 The Council shall be comprised of individuals from each member and member branch campuses and shall normally be the member CIO or person designated by the member CEO.

3.4.2 The SCIO shall chair the Council.

3.4.3 Each member and each member branch campus shall have one vote.

3.4.4 Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded and approved at subsequent meetings or in a manner deemed appropriate by the chair.

3.4.5 The chair will solicit agenda items from the Council and set an agenda for each meeting.

3.4.6 A quorum shall be two thirds (2/3) of the total membership.

3.4.7 A quorum is required to vote.

3.4.8 A two thirds (2/3) majority of those present for a vote is required to recommend a proposal.

3.4.9 Members may vote by proxy.

3.4.10 The Council shall meet quarterly or as determined by the SCIO.

3.4.11 Recommendations adopted by the Council shall be forwarded to the SCIO for consideration.

3.5 Review of member information resources rules and procedures

The Council shall recommend to the SCIO a process to enable the SCIO to review member information resources rules and procedures in accordance with System Policy *29.01, Information Resources*.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Tex. Educ. Code § 51.9335, *Acquisition of Goods and Services*

Tex. Gov't. Code Ch. 2054, *Information Resources*

1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 202, *Information Security Standards*

1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 206, *State Websites*

1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 211, *Information Resources Managers*

1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 213, *Electronic and Information Resources*

1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 216, *Project Management Practices*

System Policy *10.02, Control of Fraud, Waste and Abuse*

System Policy *29.01, Information Resources*

System Regulation *29.01.02, Use of Licensed Commercial Software*

System Policy *33.04, Use of System Resources*

System Regulation *33.04.02, Use of Telecommunication Service*s

Definitions

Information resources – the procedures, computer equipment, computing facilities, software and data which are purchased, designed, built, operated and maintained to collect, record, process, store, retrieve, display, report and transmit information.

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this regulation.

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