DRAFT MINUTES

Data Governance Subcommittee
Information Technology Advisory Committee

May 19, 11:00-12:00 p.m.


Absent: S. Wisniewski

Agenda and draft minutes of April 23 meeting distributed in advance via Teams and email.

Meeting called to order at 11:00 p.m. Motion to approve April 23 minutes by Parker, Burton seconded. Minutes approved.

Madison began discussion on values for use of data at Pitt, noting difficulty with benchmarking such values. Discussions with colleagues at other institutions confirmed high degree of difficulty with benchmarking for various reasons. Question: are there existing “values” documents at Pitt? Searches through University policies and any other available sources have been fruitless so far. Other sources such as the Plan for Pitt now under development should be helpful.

Discussion on degree of expected privacy and need for transparency ensued. Transparency to subjects is a must so that people what data are collected and how data are used. Regulatory requirements need to be considered.

Steps for moving forward with developing Pitt data use values statements, timeline to be determined:

- Gather as much information from higher education as possible.
- Determine general usefulness of benchmarking.
- Survey people on how they value privacy.
- Consider data governance controversies reported in media.

Different approach: build categories of data, such as student data including grades, campus paths, where students have lived, etc. These kinds of data will fall into three main categories: what data people know the University has, what they should know the University has, and what they don't know the University has.
Action Items:

- Spring to take lead in developing a matrix of data categories and relevant variables with help from Burton and Gift.
- All members: identify and circulate news items about data controversies in higher ed. Items can be sent to Hart for inclusion in the Teams folder.
- Future meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.