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Purpose and Scope

Governance, risk, and compliance (GRC) issues increasingly pervade higher education information technology. As institutional investment in IT and reliance on information systems have grown, so has the need for reliable structures and measures to ensure success and minimize failure.

The purpose of the Alvernia University Technology Governance Structure is to guide and control the formulation and implementation of IT strategy that meets the business and academic needs of the University. IT must form part of the University's strategy, and strategic objectives must be established and decisions on where, when, and how investment in IT is going to take place must be made to achieve the objectives in such a way that competitiveness and effectiveness of the university are improved.

Responsibilities

Title or Role	What They are Responsible For
Chief Information Officer	Maintains and enforces this policy. Work with university senior leadership to establish and maintain and effective IT Governance structure to serve the university's needs.
Senior Leadership Team	Approve and support the implementation of the IT Governance structure and committees. Provide guidance, approval, and budget for IT projects and initiatives.

Policy

Alvernia University will establish and maintain a simple IT Governance structure to effectively meet the business and academic needs of the university. This structure, made up of a minimal number of committees, will allow all business units of the university to provide input into IT decisions. It will require active participation from committee members who share the following Technology Governance Goals.

Technology Governance Goals

- Strengthen IT/business unit working relationships
- Improve accountability (IT and business) for results
- Reduce operational risks and inefficiencies
- Enrich IT service quality and effectiveness
- Lead to a more efficient use of internal and external resources
- Attend to statutory/legal mandates necessary for funding approval and credibility (which can lead to less onerous oversight)

- Focus IT spending on business drivers, value, needs and priorities
- Avoid problems or project overruns/failures stemming from false starts, scope creep and reactive reprioritization
- Lead to lower IT complexity and greater enterprise systems integration
- Give rise to a more effective IT strategic planning process
- Flexibility to adapt to the changing strategic objectives of the University

References

This section contains any 3rd party standards, guidelines, or other policies referenced by this policy.

1. EDUCAUSE IT Governance Library.
2. EDUCAUSE IT Governance Toolkit.

Exhibits

No Exhibits.