I. PURPOSE & INTENT

USF Information Technology supports the University of South Florida mission, vision and goals by creating a globally accessible digital ecosystem, providing technology solutions to support world-class educational delivery, research, and business practices, pursuing local, national, and international partnerships to enhance our clients’ experiences, creating a superior employee, student, patient and provider experience and transforming the underlying technology architecture to accommodate a digital ecosystem required by a world-class institution of higher learning.

IT Governance at USF is defined as a set of relationships and frameworks that provide input into process implementation, technology decisions, and project work within Information Technology. Major components and procedures having a direct bearing on the implementation of this policy are described below.

Detailed information on IT Governance at USF as well as charter documents for the groups below can be found at Information Technology’s website.

II. APPLICABILITY AND AUTHORITY

This policy applies to all USF faculty, staff, students and affiliates.

III. STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Information Technology Management Council (ITMC)

The purpose of the ITMC is to facilitate the effective and efficient use of technology in enabling the institution to achieve its strategy and goals. The Council is tasked with and accountable for promoting technology services to deliver optimal value to the institution and to verify that expected benefits from new investments are fully realized.
The primary role of the Council is to advise the USF President on technology decisions, including:

- IT Guiding Principles, the behavior framing statements about high level IT decision making that the Council agrees to abide by,
- Business Technology Needs, including reviewing and prioritizing business needs for USF, where technology is the recommended solution,
- IT Investments, including reviewing and recommending for approval technology investments for USF, and
- IT Strategy and Policy, including reviewing policies related to technology and aligning IT strategies with the institution's strategy.

B. Governance Subgroups

A number of Governance Subgroups advises and supports the work of the ITMC. These subgroups review and prioritize medium-sized technology needs for specific functional areas of the University. A complete list can be found at Information Technologies website.

C. IT Policies

USF IT Policies complement the governance structure. They describe fundamental principles of operation of IT resources, the thought behind those principles, and procedures required for implementation. Policies contain principles that govern IT-related actions and have university-wide application. Policies also specify if any exceptions to its applicability are allowed, as well as the procedure to request an exception.

Policies are reviewed periodically to ensure applicability.

USF IT Policies can be found at: https://www.usf.edu/it/about-us/policies-standards/technology-policies.aspx

D. IT Standards

USF IT Standards are based on industry best practices designed to ensure that IT resources are effectively managed in support of the University mission, vision and goals. IT standards define procedures, processes, and practices designed to provide an efficient, effective IT system; protect confidential information; minimize security risks; ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, and facilitate an open, interoperable, accessible IT infrastructure that meets the needs of students, faculty, staff, and the University community.
Standards are reviewed periodically to ensure applicability.

USF IT Standards can be found at:

*Current Responsible Office: Information Technologies

*Refer to the appropriate Responsible Office website for a current name of the Vice President or other Responsible Officer.


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