

Senate Computing and information Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Present: I. Murtazashvili, S. Belle, S. Sereika, A. Jamal, H. Fischer, S. Quigley, G. Fort, R. Young, S. Wells, K. Phillips, K. Doty, R. Young, S. Jones, M. Spring, P. Morel, K. Fish, M. Henderson, A. Hobaugh, A. Graham, B. Hart

Absent: D. Babichenko, D. Kielur, K. Fish, X. Shi, A. Eisenhardt

Called to Order: 2:00 p.m.

- Draft University Policy AO 38: University Network. This draft was first circulated to the Committee at the November 2022 meeting. A. Graham of the University Policy Office attended today's meeting to provide any needed information on the University Policy Process as this draft moves forward through the public comment period. Hart, who served as the policy committee chair, provided an overview of the purpose, which is to establish that Pitt IT is responsible for the design, management, and maintenance of the University data network. The primary aim of this revision is to eliminate extensive unneeded and potentially outdated technical detail that is part of the existing policy.

Discussion: Frieze asked if there is one University network. Hobaugh indicated that some others may exist. The purpose of these networks is reviewed and approved by Pitt IT when required for special purposes. Additional discussion ensued regarding the nature of Eduroam and network utilization-related services. Spring clarified that the network is like a utility or piece of infrastructure rather than a set of services, noting that access and use matters are addressed in an upcoming revision to the existing Policy AO 10: Computer Access and Use.

Action: The Committee unanimously endorsed the policy, which will now be reviewed by the Faculty Assembly at its next meeting.

- Software Licensing – Belle asked for an update on the discussion of software licensing and product use rights at the November meeting. Hart reported that Michael Pierce is working with Carl DePasquale and his staff in Pitt IT to prepare information that the University community may find helpful. This information will take time to prepare and updates will be provided in future meetings.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned early at 1:40 p.m. Murtazashvili indicated that any items not discussed will be carried over to the next meeting on February 28.